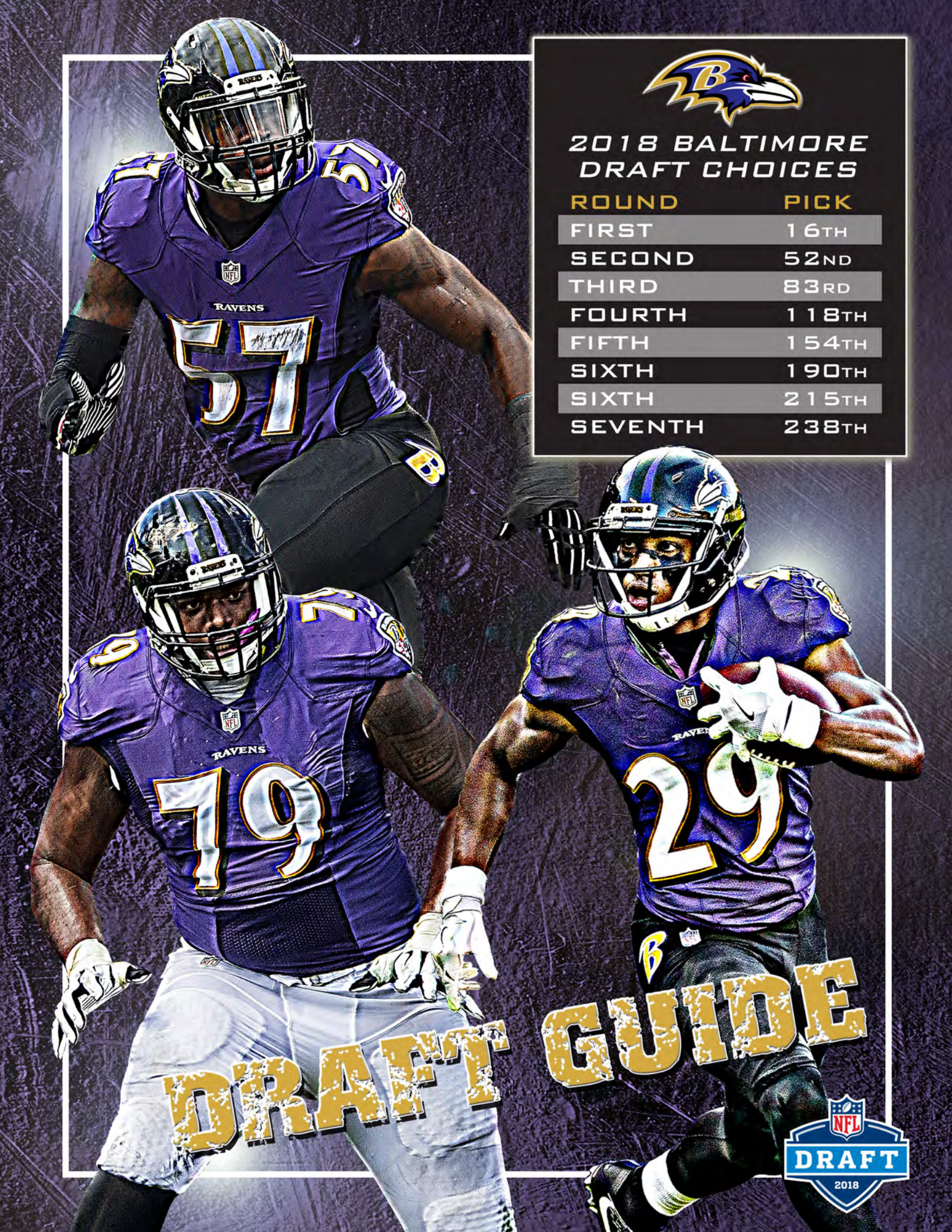
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"[The Draft] is the lifeblood of this organization, and we take it very seriously. We try to make it a science, we really do. But in the end, it's probably more of an art than a science. There's a lot of nuance involved. It's a big-picture thing. It's a lot of bits and pieces of information. It's gut instinct. It's experience, which I think is really, really important." - Eric DeCosta

Eric DeCosta
Assistant General Manager
23rd Season as a Ravens Scout

Ozzie Newsome
Executive VP & General Manager
Architect of Two Super Bowl Championship Teams

Joe Hortiz
Director of College Scouting
21st Season as a Ravens Scout

Pat Moriarty
Sr. VP of Football Admin.

Vincent Newsome
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MW/SW Area Scout

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Midwest Area Scout

Andrew Raphael
Southeast Area Scout

Kevin Weidl
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Scouting Interns

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Player Personnel Administrative Assistant

SUCCESS ACROSS THE BOARD

1st — Jonathan Ogden ('96), Ray Lewis ('96), Peter Boulware ('97), Chris McAlister ('99), Jamal Lewis ('00), Todd Heap ('01), Ed Reed ('02), Terrell Suggs ('03), Haloti Ngata ('06), Joe Flacco ('08), Jimmy Smith ('11), C.J. Mosley ('14), Ronnie Stanley ('16), Marlon Humphrey ('17)

2nd — Jamie Sharper ('97), Ray Rice ('08), Torrey Smith ('11), Courtney Upshaw ('12), Kelechi Osemele ('12), Timmy Jernigan ('14)

3rd — Casey Rabach ('01), Marshal Yanda ('07), Lardarius Webb ('09), Brandon Williams ('13), Crockett Gillmore ('14), Carl Davis ('15)

4th — Edwin Mulitalo ('99), Jarret Johnson ('03), Le'Ron McClain ('07), Dennis Pitta ('10), Kyle Juszczyk ('13), Alex Lewis ('16), Tavon Young ('16)

5th — Jermaine Lewis ('96), Dawan Landry ('06), Arthur Jones ('10), Pernell McPhee ('11), Rick Wagner ('13), Nick Boyle ('15), Matthew Judon ('16)

6th — Adalius Thomas ('00), Chester Taylor ('02), Sam Koch ('06), Haruki Nakamura ('08), Tyrod Taylor ('11), Ryan Jensen ('13), Maurice Canady ('16)

7th — DeAngelo Tyson ('12), Michael Campanaro ('14)

RFA — Mike Flynn ('97), Priest Holmes ('97), Will Demps ('02), Bart Scott ('02), Ma'ake Kemoeatu ('02), Jameel McClain ('08), Dannell Ellerbe ('09), Morgan Cox ('10), Justin Tucker ('12), James Hurst ('14), Zach Orr ('14), Patrick Onwuasor ('16), Michael Pierce ('16), Matt Skura ('16)

OLB MATTHEW JUDON
2016 5th-Round Pick

OLB TYUS BOWSER
2017 2nd-Round Pick

G/T ALEX LEWIS
2016 4th-Round Pick

CB TAVON YOUNG
2016 4th-Round Pick

DT WILLIE HENRY
2016 4th-Round Pick

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Ozzie Newsome, the Ravens' general manager and executive vice president, is directing his 23rd draft. If history repeats itself, Ozzie and his staff will select players that will have immediate and long-lasting impacts on the Ravens' continued success as a playoff contender. Newsome deflects praise regarding Baltimore's outstanding draft history: "It's about our process. We have one that involves a lot of hard-working, smart people who try to take the extra steps to make sure we select Ravens-type players," Newsome explains.

The "process" includes 19 full-time members of the personnel department, but also receives input from Ravens coaches. Much of Ozzie's staff has been with the team since the franchise started in 1996 or has graduated from the "20/20" club. The "20/20" group includes members who started with the Ravens as young assistants and grew into evaluators with more input. (The term "20/20" refers to hiring "20-year-olds for $20,000." "Actually, the guys started when they were a little older than 20 and for more than $20,000, but that's what we call them," Newsome adds.)

The Ravens do not belong to the National Football Scouting group, which provides member teams a list of and reports on players eligible for the draft. "We make our own list, and that means we look at all players on a college roster," Eric DeCosta, the Ravens' assistant GM and a graduate of the "20/20" club, says. (In 2019, DeCosta will become the Ravens' new GM after Newsome steps into a different role.) Baltimore's personnel department includes two national scouts, six area scouts, two pro personnel evaluators (who focus on college talent at this time of year) and additional support staff to handle the load. "We do a lot of cross-checking," DeCosta offers. "A number of us look at everyone, and then we have the area scouts look at certain players from other regions so we get multiple grades and opinions on all the players."

"There's a saying within the Ravens that goes, 'In Ozzie we trust.' The reason for that is his track record is tremendous. He has a philosophy, he stays true to it, and they're not going to deviate from that. If the No. 3 player is the No. 3 player, and he's on the board, that's the guy they're taking."

– Chris Mortensen, ESPN

Once the Ravens define a player as a "draftable" talent, John Harbaugh and his staff are assigned to add more study, which could include visits and workouts with some of the players. "Another advantage we have is that many of us have worked together or known each other for awhile, so we scout the scouts and coaches," Newsome says. "We may have a scout or coach who has proven he really knows how to spot talent at a certain position. That opinion carries more weight when we're finalizing the board."

BALTIMORE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

Adds DeCosta: "Ozzie has assembled such a good, hard-working personnel staff, but what has made it even better is the enthusiasm and thorough work done by Coach Harbaugh and his staff. Their input has had impact on our board and will again within this draft."

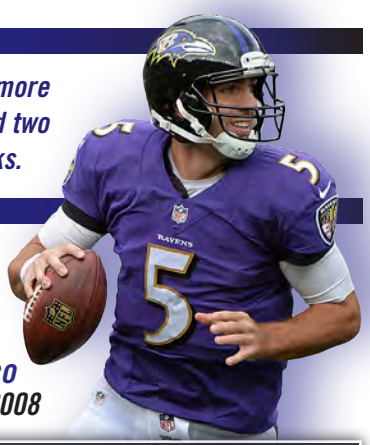
Newsome encourages scouts and coaches to have strong opinions. "We have very open dialogue. We want everyone's opinion, especially from the scouts who have looked at the players the longest. I think another strength of our room is that we respect and listen to each other," Newsome says.

Newsome always talks about taking the "highest-rated player on our board" when it comes time to select a player. The Ravens' history proves that. When it had a Pro Bowl left tackle with Tony Jones, Baltimore selected 11-time Pro Bowler and Hall of Famer Jonathan Ogden, who was the first pick (fourth overall in '96) in team history. When they had Pro Bowl players like Priest Holmes and Shannon Sharpe, the Ravens selected Jamal Lewis and Todd Heap in the first round.

"When we have grades that are even, we sometimes select the player in the area we have the greatest need," Newsome notes. "But, our confidence in our staff and the process we use make draft days easy, exciting and fun. The hay is in the barn, so to speak. The hardest work is done year round prior to the draft."

The Ravens have produced five different AP Player of the Year honors in the past 18 seasons. Baltimore has also had two players earn Defensive Rookie of the Year, two garner Super Bowl MVP honors and two selected into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. All of these players (listed below) are Ravens' draft picks.

Draft Pick (Year)	Major Accolades
Jonathan Ogden (1996)	Pro Football Hall of Fame (2013)
Ray Lewis (1996)	2000 & 2003 Def. POY; SB XXXV MVP; Pro Football HOF (2018)
Peter Boulware (1997)	1997 Defensive Rookie of the Year
Jamal Lewis (2000)	2003 Offensive Player of the Year
Ed Reed (2002)	2004 Defensive Player of the Year
Terrell Suggs (2003)	2003 Defensive ROY; 2011 Defensive POY
Joe Flacco (2008)	Super Bowl XLVII MVP



Joe Flacco
1st Round: 2008

All-Time Leading Passer & Super Bowl MVP

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RAVENS' HOMEGROWN PRO BOWLERS

Year Drafted (Rd.)	Name	Pro Bowls
1996 (1st)	LB Ray Lewis	13
1996 (1st)	T Jonathan Ogden	11
2002 (1st)	S Ed Reed	9
2003 (1st)	OLB Terrell Suggs	7
2007 (3rd)	G Marshal Yanda	6
2006 (1st)	DT Haloti Ngata	5
1997 (1st)	OLB Peter Boulware	4
1999 (1st)	CB Chris McAlister	3
2014 (1st)	LB C.J. Mosley	3
2008 (2nd)	RB Ray Rice	3
2010 (RFA)	LS Morgan Cox #	2
2001 (1st)	TE Todd Heap	2
1996 (5th)	WR/RS Jermaine Lewis	2
2007 (4th)	FB Le'Ron McClain	2
2000 (6th)	OLB Adalius Thomas	2
2012 (RFA)	K Justin Tucker #	2
2007 (1st)	G Ben Grubbs	1
2013 (4th)	FB Kyle Juszczyk	1
2006 (6th)	P Sam Koch	1
2000 (1st)	RB Jamal Lewis	1
2002 (RFA)	LB Bart Scott #	1

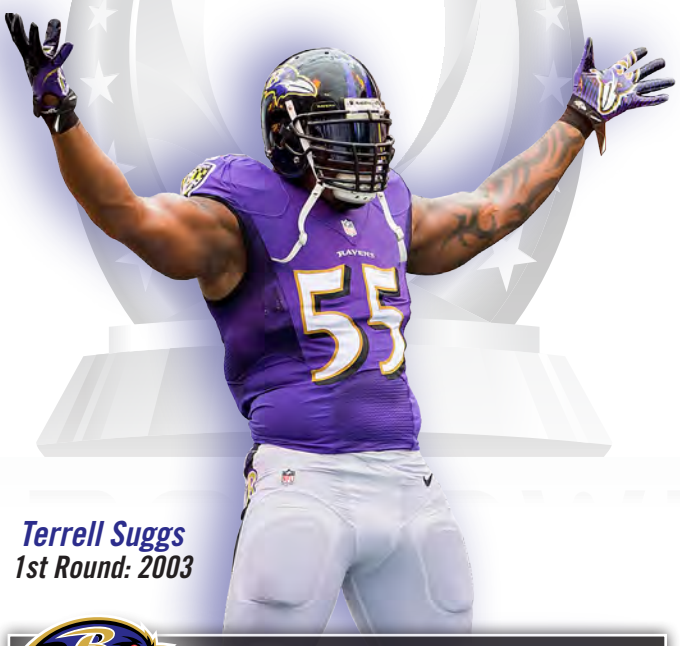
Undrafted rookie free agent Purple indicates 2017 Pro Bowler

Ray Lewis
1st Round: 1996

Second-Ever Ravens Pick & Hall of Famer

With Ray Lewis' 2018 Hall of Fame selection, it marks the first time that two players (Jonathan Ogden & Lewis in 1996) were drafted in the same round by the same team and reached the HOF in their first year of eligibility.

The Ravens have had 37 different players earn Pro Bowl honors since the team's 1996 inception. Of those, 21 are homegrown – 18 drafted and 3 signed as a rookie free agent.



Terrell Suggs
1st Round: 2003

2011 Def. POY & Seven Pro Bowls

Led by GM Ozzie Newsome, the Ravens have selected 22 players in the first round. These picks have earned an amazing 60 combined Pro Bowls, many All-Rookie honors, multiple Player of the Year Awards, Super Bowl MVP honors and Hall of Fame accolades.

RAVENS ALL-TIME FIRST-ROUND DRAFT PICKS

Year	Name	Pick	Pro Bowls
1996	T Jonathan Ogden * !	4	11
1996	LB Ray Lewis * ++ ~ !	26	13
1997	LB Peter Boulware *	4	4
1998	CB Duane Starks *	10	
1999	CB Chris McAlister *	10	3
2000	RB Jamal Lewis * =	5	1
2000	WR Travis Taylor	10	
2001	TE Todd Heap *	31	2
2002	S Ed Reed * +	24	9
2003	OLB Terrell Suggs * +	10	7
2003	QB Kyle Boller	19	
2005	WR Mark Clayton *	22	
2006	DT Haloti Ngata *	12	5
2007	G Ben Grubbs *	29	2
2008	QB Joe Flacco ^ ~	18	
2009	T Michael Oher *	23	
2011	CB Jimmy Smith	27	
2013	S Matt Elam	32	
2014	LB C.J. Mosley *	17	3
2015	WR Breshad Perriman	26	
2016	T Ronnie Stanley	6	
2017	CB Marlon Humphrey	16	

* All-Rookie Team ^ Rookie of the Year (*NFL.com* Fan Vote) ~ Super Bowl MVP
+ Defensive POY Award = Offensive POY Award ! Pro Fooball Hall of Famer

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DRAFT DETAILS

• The 2018 NFL Draft will be held from AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas. Directing the Ravens' draft is general manager & executive vice president Ozzie Newsome, assistant general manager Eric DeCosta and director of college scouting Joe Hortiz.

• Each of the 32 NFL clubs have representatives in Arlington, and via continuous communication with their GMs, owners, scouts and coaches, deliver the selected names to the NFL officials. Ravens player personnel assistants Patrick Williams and Corey Frazier will represent the Ravens in the Lone Star State.

DATES/TIMES

• **Round 1:** Thursday, April 26 at 8 p.m. ET
• **Rounds 2-3:** Friday, April 27 at 7 p.m. ET
• **Rounds 4-7:** Saturday, April 28 at Noon ET

DRAFT COVERAGE

• The NFL reached a new broadcast arrangement in which NFL Network and FOX will team up to simulcast live coverage of Rounds 1-3 of the 2018 NFL Draft.

• The NFL has expanded its partnership with ESPN/ABC, whereby ESPN2 will supplement ESPN's coverage of Round 1 with a separate and unique college-themed production, in addition to a simulcast of ESPN's live coverage of Rounds 4-7 airing on ABC.

• Live streaming of the 2018 NFL Draft coverage will be available across devices through the NFL app or NFL.com. Fans can also stream the live draft through FOX Sports and the ESPN App.

• The 2017 NFL Draft on NFL Network and ESPN/ESPN2 delivered a combined 2.9 HH rating and 4.6 million viewers across NFLN & ESPN/ESPN2, up +2% and +6%, respectively, from 2016. The 4.6 million viewers between the NFLN and ESPN/ESPN2 made 2017's draft the second-most-watched ever (2014).

Brandon Williams
3rd Round: 2013

2016 Pro Bowl Second Alternate

ALL-TIME DRAFT PICK BREAKDOWN
(22 Ravens Drafts - 181 Picks)

Schools w/ Most Selections	Alabama (9)
Offensive Players Selected	96
Defensive Players Selected	82
Specialists Selected	3
First-Round Offensive Players	11
First-Round Defensive Players	11
Homegrown Pro Bowl Players	18
First-Team All-Pro Players	10
Hall of Famers	2 (Jonathan Ogden & Ray Lewis)
Defensive Players of the Year	3 (R. Lewis - twice, E. Reed, T. Suggs)
Offensive Players of the Year	1 (Jamal Lewis)
Defensive Rookies of the Year	2 (Peter Boulware, Terrell Suggs)
Super Bowl MVPs	2 (Ray Lewis, Joe Flacco)

Draft Selections By Position

QB	11	DT	12
RB	14	DE	9
FB	5	CB	16
WR	25	LB	13
TE	11	OLB/DE	17
T	13	S	15
G	11	P	2
C	6	K	0
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Many standout players originally drafted by the Ravens have gone on to earn long-term and lucrative second contracts with other teams. Below is a list of such players drafted since 2010.

Draft Pick (Year)	New FA Team / Reported Contract
DT Arthur Jones ('10)	Colts / 5 years, $33 million
WR Torrey Smith ('11)	49ers / 5 years, $40 million
OLB Pernell McPhee ('11)	Bears / 5 years, $38.75 million
QB Tyrod Taylor ('11)*	Bills / 2 years (6-year ext.), $92 million
G Kelechi Osemele ('12)**	Raiders / 5 years, $58.5 million
FB Kye Juszczyk ('13)*	49ers / 4 years, $21 million
T Rick Wagner ('13)	Lions / 5 years, $47.5 million
C Ryan Jensen ('13)	Bucs / 4 years, $42 million

* Pro Bowls with new team

RAVENS PICKS BY SCHOOL

Alabama 9, Arizona 2, Arizona State 2, Auburn 1, Ball State 1, Baylor 1, Boise State 1, Bowling Green 1, BYU 2, California 2, Cal Poly 1, Central Florida 3, Central Missouri State 1, Cincinnati 2, Coastal Carolina 1, Colorado 3, Colorado State 1, Colorado State - Pueblo 1, Delaware 3, East Carolina 2, Eastern Washington 1, Elon 1, Florida 4, Florida International 1, Florida State 3, Georgia 2, Georgia Tech 5, Grand Valley State 1, Harvard 1, Houston 1, Illinois 1, Indiana 2, Iowa 2, Iowa State 1, Kansas State 2, Kentucky 3, Louisiana Tech 1, Louisville 3, Maryland 3, Miami (FL) 6, Michigan 3, Minnesota 2, Mississippi 1, Mississippi State 1, Missouri Southern State 1, Montana 1, Morehouse 1, Navy 1, Nebraska 2, New Mexico 2, New Mexico State 1, Nicholls State 1, Norfolk State 1, North Carolina 1, Northern Arizona 1, Northwestern 1, Northwestern State 1, Notre Dame 5, Ohio State 2, Ohio University 1, Oklahoma 7, Oregon 4, Oregon State 2, Penn State 3, Rutgers 1, San Diego State 1, South Carolina State 1, Southern California 1, Southern Mississippi 2, Southwest Louisiana 1, Stephen F. Austin 1, Syracuse 3, Texas Christian 1, Temple 2, Tennessee 3, Tennessee State 1, Texas 3, Texas A&M 1, Texas Southern 1, Texas Tech 1, Toledo 1, Trinity International 1, UCLA 1, Utah 3, UTEP 1, Virginia 5, Virginia Tech 4, Wake Forest 2, Washington State 1, Weber State 2, Western Illinois 1, Wisconsin 2, Wyoming 1

"'In Ozzie We Trust.' It's an ode to the architect of the franchise's two Super Bowl teams, and an overture to the man's steady hand, sharp mind and unwavering belief in his ability to field a competitive team. Ozzie Newsome and his inner circle, including assistant general manager Eric DeCosta and contract guru Pat Moriarty, have proven to be unflappable under duress and a perfect steward for this organization from original owner Art Modell – for whom he was a Hall of Fame tight end in Cleveland – through current owner Steve Bisciotti."

– Jason La Canfora, CBS Sports

"Ozzie is just a legend. He is a legendary guy, a legendary player. He might be the greatest example of all of a guy who has transitioned from a Hall of Fame playing career to a Hall of Fame career as an executive. What he has done with the Ravens is off the charts. They have been as good as an organization as there is in football over the last 20 or so years, and Ozzie has a lot to do with that."

– Jason Garrett, Cowboys HC

"Really, Ozzie is an ambassador for the NFL, period. I think about three 'C's' when I think about Ozzie: classy, consistency and championships. That's what I think about. We're all chasing Ozzie Newsome, man. He doesn't talk about it, but go in his office, he's got skins on the wall. He doesn't have to talk about it. His resume says it all for him."

– Jerry Reese, Former Giants GM

"Newsome, the only GM the Ravens have had, has produced two Super Bowl champions, drafted future Hall of Famers with his first two picks ever (J. Ogden & R. Lewis), has had only two head coaches in the last [18] years (Brian Billick & John Harbaugh), and has either employed or mentored front-office personnel all over the NFL. A franchise literally couldn't ask for more than he's done."

– David Steele, *The Sporting News*

"The reason they've been successful is they work at it, and they have a history and a tradition. Really from the moment we got to Baltimore, we put a lot of emphasis on college free agents. I think the Ravens have always approached it like it's the eighth round of the draft, and their scouts take great pride in unearthing a player or two. If you can get one of those players on your team, the impact of it on the salary cap is really significant."

– Phil Savage, Senior Bowl Exec. Director

Marshal Yanda
3rd Round: 2007

Six-Time Pro Bowler & All-Pro Selection

C.J. Mosley
1st Round: 2014

Three-Time Pro Bowler

"The genius of his ability to absorb all the information is second to none. I always equate it to watching him look at the draft board is like watching Russell Crowe [play Nobel Laureate in economics John Nash] in the movie 'A Beautiful Mind,' in that scene where the math just kind of comes off the board for him. That's Ozzie with all those names and statistics. Of course, he has a great eye for talent, too, but his ability to orchestrate that process, to gain that information, is unmatched."

– Brian Billick, NFL Network

"[Newsome is] a great judge of talent. ... He recognizes how talent fits into the scheme that they use on both sides of the ball. He's able to use a great scouting staff to uncover terrific gems down in the lower part of the draft, and he understands – more than anything else – how to put together a team, not just a group of 53 guys, but a team that works and functions together. He understands, because he was such a great player himself, the characteristics that a player has to have in order to contribute positively to a team. There's a difference between judging talent and putting together a team, and Ozzie is as good as there is at that."

– Bill Polian, ESPN

"Many fans and analysts were surprised when they picked cornerback Marlon Humphrey in the [2017] first round ahead of defensive end Jonathan Allen and tight end O.J. Howard. Humphrey was probably the least touted of that Alabama trio, but he's been excellent. [The Ravens] know they have a world-class athlete and fierce one-on-one defender. ... He could evolve into a Pro Bowl player."

– Childs Walker, *The Baltimore Sun*

"I think Eric DeCosta works hard and does a great job. He has been with this [Ravens] organization for a long time. He learned under one of the best in Phil Savage. Phil Savage did a great job when he was here. Think about it – Phil Savage built a Super Bowl winner and Eric DeCosta helped build a Super Bowl winner, all under the leadership of Ozzie Newsome, who is a Hall of Fame player and a Hall of Fame GM."

– Mel Kiper Jr. , ESPN

"The Ravens' general manager [Ozzie Newsome] has built a perennial playoff participant through the draft, and he's done so by spotlighting the kinds of players the organization is now known for – those who play like they'd do it for free. Gritty, tough and with a love of the game. Hard-nosed, nasty and with a certain violence. If you were choosing sides for a street fight, think about how many Ravens you'd want on your team."

– Ian Rapoport, NFL Media

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2018 NFL FIRST-ROUND DRAFT ORDER
(as of April 2)

Pick	Team	2017 Record
1.	Cleveland Browns	0-16
2.	New York Giants	3-13
3.	New York Jets (from Ind.)	5-11
4.	Cleveland Browns (from Hou.)	0-16
5.	Denver Broncos	5-11
6.	Indianapolis Colts (from NYJ)	4-12
7.	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	5-11
8.	Chicago Bears	5-11
9.	San Francisco 49ers	6-10
10.	Oakland Raiders	6-10
11.	Miami Dolphins	6-10
12.	Buffalo Bills (from Cin.)	9-7
13.	Washington Redskins	7-9
14.	Green Bay Packers	7-9
15.	Arizona Cardinals	8-8
16.	Baltimore Ravens	9-7
17.	Los Angeles Chargers	9-7
18.	Seattle Seahawks	9-7
19.	Dallas Cowboys	9-7
20.	Detroit Lions	9-7
21.	Cincinnati Bengals (from Buf.)	7-9
22.	Buffalo Bills (from KC)	9-7
23.	Los Angeles Rams	11-5
24.	Carolina Panthers	11-5
25.	Tennessee Titans	9-7
26.	Atlanta Falcons	10-6
27.	New Orleans Saints	11-5
28.	Pittsburgh Steelers	13-3
29.	Jacksonville Jaguars	10-6
30.	Minnesota Vikings	13-3
31.	New England Patriots	13-3
32.	Philadelphia Eagles	13-3

ORIGINAL RAVENS DRAFT PICKS ON CURRENT ROSTER
(2017 Games Played/Started in Parenthesis)

Name	Drafted - Year
1st Round (7)	
OLB Terrell Suggs (16/16)	1a (10th) - 2003
QB Joe Flacco (16/16)	1 (18th) - 2008
CB Jimmy Smith (12/12, IR)	1 (27th) - 2011
LB C.J. Mosley (16/16)	1 (17th) - 2014
WR Breshad Perriman (11/3)	1 (26th) - 2015
T Ronnie Stanley (15/15)	1 (6th) - 2016
CB Marlon Humphrey (16/5)	1 (16th) - 2017
2nd Round (3)	
TE Maxx Williams (11/8)	2 (55th) - 2015
LB Kamalei Correa (16/3)	2 (42nd) - 2016
OLB Tyus Bowser (16/0)	2 47th) - 2017
3rd Round (6)	
G Marshal Yanda (2/2, IR)	3b (86th) - 2007
DT Brandon Williams (12/12)	3 (94th) - 2013
DT Carl Davis (15/9)	3 (90th) - 2015
DE Bronson Kaufusi (3/1)	3 (70th) - 2016
DE Chris Wormley (7/2)	3a (74th) - 2017
OLB Tim Williams (8/0)	3b (78th) - 2017
4th Round (9)	
DE Brent Urban (3/3, IR)	4a (134th) - 2014
OLB Za'Darius Smith (14/4)	4a (122nd) - 2015
RB Javorius "Buck" Allen (16/0)	4b (125th) - 2015
CB Tavon Young (0/0, IR)	4a (104th) - 2016
WR Chris Moore (13/4)	4b (107th) - 2016
G/T Alex Lewis (0/0, IR)	4c (130th) - 2016
DT Willie Henry (14/3)	4d (132nd) - 2016
RB Kenneth Dixon (0/0, IR)	4e (134th) - 2016
G Nico Siragusa (0/0, IR)	4 (122nd) - 2017
5th Round (3)	
TE Nick Boyle (15/12)	5a (171st) - 2015
OLB Matthew Judon (16/12)	5 (146th) - 2016
G/T Jermaine Eluemunor (8/2)	5 (159th) - 2017
6th Round (4)	
P Sam Koch (16/0)	6a (203rd) - 2006
TE Darren Waller (0/0, susp.)	6 (204th) - 2015
CB Maurice Canady (8/1)	6b (209th) - 2016
S Chuck Clark (15/0)	6 (186th) - 2017

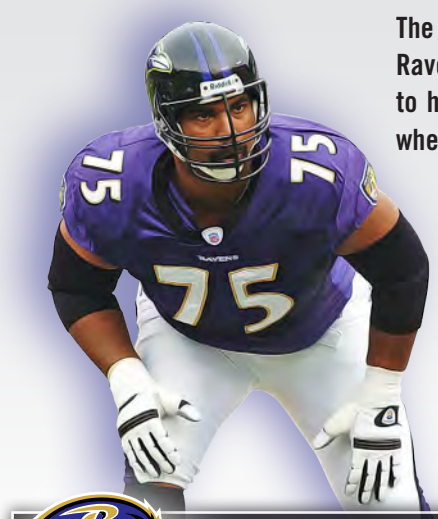
TIMING OF THE ROUNDS

- Duration of 2017 Draft's first round: 3 hours, 34 minutes
- Last year's first-round selections kicked off at 8:05 p.m. ET and were completed at 11:39 p.m. ET.
- Longest first round since 1967: 2007 (6 hours, 8 minutes)
- Shortest first round since 1967: 1972 (2 hours)
- As first implemented in 2008, teams are allowed 10 minutes to draft in the first round, seven minutes in the second and five minutes in the remaining five rounds (third-seventh).

First Round: 10 minutes
Second Round: 7 minutes
Third-Seventh Rounds: 5 minutes

Jimmy Smith
1st Round: 2011

Career: 11 INTs & 56 Pass Breakups



Jonathan Ogden
1st Round: 1996

First-Ever Ravens Pick & Hall of Famer

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RAVENS "20/20 CLUB" GRADUATES
(Current Personnel Staff)

Name	Joined Ravens	Current Title
George Kokinis (Cle.)	1991	Senior Personnel Assistant
Eric DeCosta	1996	Assistant General Manager
Joe Hortiz	1998	Director of College Scouting
Chad Alexander	1999	Asst. Dir. of Pro Personnel
Mark Azevedo	2005	Northeast Area Scout
David Blackburn	2007	West Area Scout
Andrew Raphael	2013	Southeast Area Scout
Brandon Berning	2015	Midwest/SW Area Scout

"I think the Ravens' front office is as solid as any in the National Football League. It's not just Ozzie who is outstanding. It's Eric DeCosta; it's Joe Hortiz. These guys are outstanding. They've stood the test of time." – Mike Mayock, NFL Media

2018 NFL COMPENSATORY DRAFT PICKS

A total of 32 compensatory choices were awarded to 15 teams in 2018. Under rules for compensatory selections, a team losing more or better compensatory free agents ("CFA") than it acquires in the previous year is eligible to receive compensatory draft picks.

Compensatory free agents are determined by a formula based on salary, playing time and postseason honors. The formula was developed by the NFL Management Council. Not every free agent lost or signed by a club is covered by this formula. No club may receive more than four compensatory picks in any one year.

Since 1994 (the first year compensatory draft picks were established), the Ravens have been awarded an NFL-high 49 compensatory selections (see right chart). Green Bay (42) and Dallas (41) are second and third, respectively.

Round	Selection	Team
3	33-97	Arizona
3	34-98	Houston
3	35-99	Denver
3	36-100	Cincinnati
4	33-133	Green Bay
4	34-134	Arizona
4	35-135	NY Giants
4	36-136	New England
4	37-137	Dallas
5	33-170	Cincinnati
5	34-171	Dallas
5	35-172	Green Bay
5	36-173	Dallas
5	37-174	Green Bay
6	33-207	Green Bay
6	34-208	Dallas
6	35-209	Kansas City
6	36-210	Oakland
6	37-211	Houston
6	38-212	Oakland
6	39-213	Minnesota
6	40-214	Houston
6	**41-215**	**Baltimore**
6	42-216	Oakland
6	43-217	Oakland
6	44-218	Minnesota
7	33-251	LA Chargers
7	34-252	Cincinnati
7	35-253	Cincinnati
7	36-254	Arizona
7	37-255	Tampa Bay
7	38-256	Atlanta

Most Compensatory Picks
(Since 1994)

1. Baltimore. 49
2. Green Bay 42
3. Dallas. 41
4. New England 35
5. Los Angeles Rams 33

Sam Koch
6th Round: 2006

2015 All-Pro & Pro Bowler

ALL-TIME DRAFT PICKS

1996

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1a	4	G/T	Jonathan Ogden	UCLA
1b	26	LB	Ray Lewis	Miami
2b	55	CB	DeRon Jenkins	Tennessee
5b	153	WR	Jermaine Lewis	Maryland
6a	172	LB	Dexter Daniels	Florida
6b	186	WR	James Roe	Norfolk State
7b	238	QB	Jon Stark	Trinity Intl.

Obtained second 1st-round choice (26) from SF along with 49ers 1995 1st-, 3rd- and 4th- (from KC) round picks for Cle. 1995 1st-round pick (obtained from Atl. for RB Eric Metcalf and Cle. original 1995 1st-round pick). First 2nd-round choice (35) was traded to TB for TE Harold Bishop. Obtained second 2nd-round choice (55) from Den. for 1996 3rd-, 4th- and 7th-round picks. First 5th-round choice (136) was traded to NO for DB Reginald Jones. Obtained second 5th-round pick (153) from Atl. for G Gene Williams. Third 5th-round choice (157) obtained from Phi. to Dal. for 1997 4th-round pick. Obtained second 6th-round choice (186) from Jax. (supplemental) along with Jaguars 1995 5th-round pick for Cle. 1995 4th-round pick. Obtained second 7th-round choice (238) from Phi. for DL Ronnie Dixon.

1997

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	4	LB	Peter Boulware	Florida State
2a	34	LB	Jamie Sharper	Virginia
2b	58	S	Kim Herring	Penn State
3	64	RB	Jay Graham	Tennessee
4b	118	LB	Tyrus McCloud	Louisville
5	134	C	Jeff Mitchell	Florida
6a	167	FB	Steve Lee	Indiana
6b	194	LB	Cornell Brown*	Virginia Tech
7a	205	DE	Chris Ward	Kentucky
7b	234	QB	Wally Richardson*	Penn State
7c	236	S	Ralph Staten*	Alabama
7d	238	DT	Leland Taylor*	Louisville

Obtained second 2nd-round choice (58) from Den. for T Tony Jones. First 4th-round choice (100) was traded to Atl. through Sea. for G Jeff Blackshear. Obtained second 4th-round pick from Dal. for 1996 5th-round pick (obtained from Phi.).

1998

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	10	CB	Duane Starks	Miami
2	42	WR	Patrick Johnson	Oregon
5a	124	DT	Martin Chase	Oklahoma
5b	133	S	Ryan Sutter	Colorado
6a	154	LB	Ron Rogers	Georgia Tech
6b	164	T	Sammy Williams	Oklahoma
7b	241	TE	Cam Quayle*	Weber State

Traded 3rd-round choice (71) along with 1998 4th-round pick (93) to Ind. for QB Jim Harbaugh and Colts 1998 4th-round pick. Traded first 4th-round choice (from Ind.) to Ind. for 1998 4th-, 5th- and 6th-round picks. Traded second 4th-round pick (104) to TB for 1999 3rd-round pick. Traded first 7th-round choice (199) to Atl. through Pit. for OL Bernard Dafney.

*** Compensatory Pick**

1999

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	10	CB	Chris McAlister	Arizona
4a	105	WR	Brandon Stokley	SW Louisiana
4b	129	G	Edwin Mulitalo*	Arizona
7	216	S	Anthony Poindexter	Virginia

Traded 2nd-round choice (42) to Atl. for Atl. 2000 1st-round pick. Traded 3rd-round pick (72) to Det. along with conditional 2000 5th-round pick for QB Scott Mitchell. Traded 5th-round choice (145) to STL along with 2000 7th-round pick for QB Tony Banks. Traded first 6th-round choice (180) to NE for TE Lovett Purnell. Traded second 6th-round choice (185, from Ind.) to Min. for OL Everett Lindsay.

2000

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1a	5	RB	Jamal Lewis	Tennessee
1b	10	WR	Travis Taylor	Florida
3	75	QB	Chris Redman	Louisville
5	148	OL	Richard Mercier	Miami
6a	186	DE	Adalius Thomas	So. Mississippi
6b	191	DT	Cedric Woodard	Texas

Acquired first 1st-round pick (5) from Atl. for a 1999 2nd-round choice.

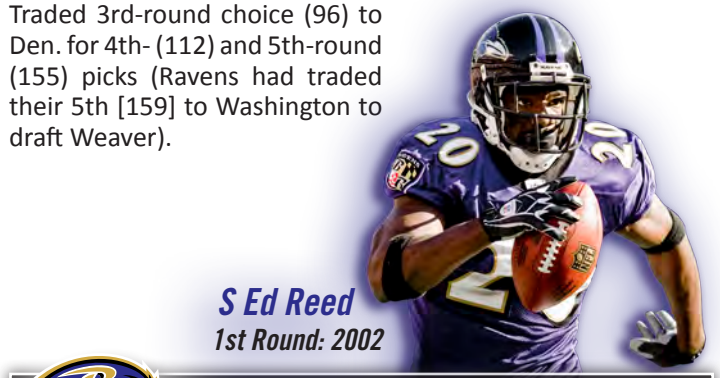
2001

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	31	TE	Todd Heap	Arizona State
2	62	DB	Gary Baxter	Baylor
3	92	C/G	Casey Rabach	Wisconsin
4	126	LB	Edgerton Hartwell	W. Illinois
5	161	RB	Chris Barnes	New Mexico St.
6	194	LS	Joe Maese	New Mexico
7	231	DE	Dwayne Missouri	Northwestern

2002

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	24	S	Ed Reed	Miami
2	52	DE	Anthony Weaver	Notre Dame
4a	112	P	Dave Zastudil	Ohio
4b	123	WR	Ron Johnson	Minnesota
5	155	TE	Terry Jones	Alabama
6a	195	DB	Lamont Brightful	E. Washington
6b	206	WR	Javin Hunter*	Notre Dame
6c	207	RB	Chester Taylor*	Toledo
6d	209	S	Chad Williams*	So. Mississippi
7	236	QB	Wes Pate	Stephen F. Austin

Traded 3rd-round choice (96) to Den. for 4th- (112) and 5th-round (155) picks (Ravens had traded their 5th [159] to Washington to draft Weaver).



S Ed Reed
1st Round: 2002
2004 Defensive POY & Nine Pro Bowls

ALL-TIME DRAFT PICKS

2003

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1a	10	LB	Terrell Suggs	Arizona State
1b	19	QB	Kyle Boller	California
3	77	RB	Musa Smith	Georgia
4a	109	LB	Jarret Johnson	Alabama
4b	134	FB	Ovie Mughelli*	Wake Forest
5a	146	DT	Aubrayo Franklin	Tennessee
5b	173	T	Tony Pashos*	Illinois
6	182	S	Gerome Sapp	Notre Dame
7a	223	TE	Trent Smith	Oklahoma
7b	250	C	Mike Mabry*	Central Florida
7c	258	S	Antwoine Sanders*	Utah

Traded 2nd-round choice (41) to NE with 2004 1st-round pick for NE's 1st-round pick (19/Boller).

2004

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
2	51	DT	Dwan Edwards	Oregon State
3	82	WR	Devard Darling	Washington St.
5	153	OLB	Roderick Green	Cen. Missouri St.
6a	187	QB	Josh Harris	Bowling Green
6b	199	WR	Clarence Moore*	N. Arizona
7a	244	WR	Derek Abney*	Kentucky
7b	246	G	Brian Rimpf*	East Carolina

Traded 1st-round pick to NE for Pats' 2003 1st-round selection (19) to draft QB Kyle Boller. Traded 4th-round pick (120) to Jax. for WR Kevin Johnson.

2005

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	22	WR	Mark Clayton	Oklahoma
2a	53	OLB	Dan Cody	Oklahoma
2b	64	T	Adam Terry	Syracuse
4	124	G/C	Jason Brown	North Carolina
5	158	FB	Justin Green	Montana
6	213	QB	Derek Anderson*	Oregon State
7	234	LB	Mike Smith	Texas Tech

Obtained second 2nd-round choice (64) from NE in exchange for Ravens 3rd- (84) and 6th-round (195) picks in 2005 and a 3rd-round selection in 2006.

2006

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	12	DT	Haloti Ngata	Oregon
2	56	C/G	Chris Chester	Oklahoma
3	87	CB	David Pittman	NW State
4a	111	WR	Demetrius Williams	Oregon
4b	132	RB	P.J. Daniels*	Georgia Tech
5a	146	S	Dawan Landry	Georgia Tech
5b	166	TE	Quinn Sypniewski*	Colorado
6a	203	P	Sam Koch*	Nebraska
6b	208	CB	Derrick Martin*	Wyoming
7	219	LB/DE	Ryan LaCasse	Syracuse

Obtained 1st-round choice (12) from Cle. for Baltimore's 1st-round (13) and 6th-round (181) picks. Obtained 2nd-round (56) and 3rd-round (87) choices from the N.Y. Giants for the Ravens' 2nd-round pick (44).

2007

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	29	G	Ben Grubbs	Auburn
3a	74	WR	Yamon Figurs	Kansas State
3b	86	G/T	Marshal Yanda	Iowa
4a	134	OLB	Antwan Barnes*	Florida Intl.
4b	137	FB	Le'Ron McClain*	Alabama
5	174	QB	Troy Smith*	Ohio State
6	207	ILB	Prescott Burgess*	Michigan

Obtained first 3rd-round pick (74) and a 4th-round choice (101) from Det. for the Ravens' 2nd-round (61) pick. Acquired second 3rd-round choice (86) from Jax. for 4th-round (101), 5th-round (166) and 6th-round (203) picks.

2008

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	18	QB	Joe Flacco	Delaware
2	55	RB	Ray Rice	Rutgers
3a	71	ILB	Tavares Gooden	Miami
3b	86	S	Tom Zbikowski	Notre Dame
3c	99	T	Oniel Cousins*	UTEP
4a	106	WR	Marcus Smith	New Mexico
4b	133	G/T	David Hale*	Weber State
6	206	S	Haruki Nakamura*	Cincinnati
7a	215	WR	Justin Harper	Virginia Tech
7b	240	RB	Allen Patrick*	Oklahoma

Obtained 1st-round (18) choice from Houston for the Ravens' 1st-round (26) and 3rd-round (89) picks that Baltimore received from Jacksonville, plus the Ravens' 6th-round (173) choice. Baltimore began the day with the 8th-overall pick and traded it to Jacksonville for the Jaguars' 1st-round (26), both 3rd-round (71 and 89) and 4th-round (125) selections. Obtained 2nd-round (55) choice from Seattle for the Ravens' 2nd-round (38) pick. Acquired second 3rd-round (86) choice, along with 2nd-round pick (Rice, 55) from Seattle for the Ravens' 2nd-round (38) pick. Traded 4th-round (125) choice to Oakland for CB Fabian Washington.

***Note:** In 2007, the Ravens used a **5th-round pick** in the July Supplemental Draft to tab **T Jared Gaither** (Maryland).*

2009

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	23	T	Michael Oher	Mississippi
2	57	LB/DE	Paul Kruger	Utah
3	88	DB	Lardarius Webb	Nicholls State
5a	137	LB	Jason Phillips	TCU
5b	149	TE	Davon Drew	East Carolina
6	185	RB	Cedric Peerman	Virginia

Obtained 1st-round choice (23) from NE for the Ravens' 1st-round (26) and 5th-round (162) picks. Acquired two 5th-round choices (137 and 141) from NE for Ravens' 4th-round (123) pick. Obtained 5th-round (149) and 6th-round (185) choices from Denver for the 5th-round (141) pick.

*** Compensatory Pick**

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2010

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
2a	43	LB	Sergio Kindle	Texas
2b	57	DT	Terrence Cody	Alabama
3	70	TE	Ed Dickson	Oregon
4	114	TE	Dennis Pitta	BYU
5a	156	WR	David Reed	Utah
5b	157	DT	Arthur Jones	Syracuse
6	194	T	Ramon Harewood	Morehouse

Acquired first 2nd-round (43), 3rd-round (70) and 4th-round (114) choices from Den. for the Ravens' 1st-round (25) pick. Traded original 3rd-round (88) and 4th-round (123) choices to Ari. for WR Anquan Boldin and a 5th-round pick (157).

2011

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	27	CB	Jimmy Smith	Colorado
2	58	WR	Torrey Smith	Maryland
3	85	T	Jah Reid	Central Florida
4	123	WR	Tandon Doss	Indiana
5a	164	CB	Chykie Brown*	Texas
5b	165	DE	Pernell McPhee*	Mississippi St.
6	180	QB	Tyrod Taylor	Virginia Tech
7	225	RB	Anthony Allen	Georgia Tech

Traded 3rd-round pick (90) and a 6th-round pick (191) to Phi. in exchange for Eagles' 85th selection to acquire Reid.

2012

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
2a	35	OLB	Courtney Upshaw	Alabama
2b	60	G/T	Kelechi Osemele	Iowa State
3	84	RB	Bernard Pierce	Temple
4a	98	G/C	Gino Gradkowski	Delaware
4b	130	S	Christian Thompson*	South Carolina St.
5	169	CB/RS	Asa Jackson*	Cal Poly
6	198	WR	Tommy Streeter	Miami
7	236	DE	DeAngelo Tyson	Georgia

Obtained 2nd-round pick (35) and 4th-round choice (98) in a trade with Min. in exchange for the Ravens' 1st-round (29) selection. Obtained the 84th-overall pick in a trade with Atl. for the Ravens' 3rd-round (91) and 5th-round (164) selections.

2013

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	32	S	Matt Elam	Florida
2	56	LB	Arthur Brown	Kansas State
3	94	DT	Brandon Williams	Missouri Southern St.
4a	129	OLB	John Simon	Ohio State
4b	130	FB	Kyle Juszczyk*	Harvard
5	168	G/T	Rick Wagner*	Wisconsin
6a	200	DE	Kapron Lewis-Moore	Notre Dame
6b	203	C	Ryan Jensen*	Colorado St.-Pueblo
7a	238	WR	Aaron Mellette	Elon
7b	247	CB	Marc Anthony*	California

Obtained 56th pick in a trade with Seattle for Ravens' 2nd-round (62nd), 5th-round (165th) and 6th-round picks (199th).

*** Compensatory Pick**

2014

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	17	LB	C.J. Mosley	Alabama
2	48	DT	Timmy Jernigan	Florida State
3a	79	S	Terrence Brooks	Florida State
3b	99	TE	Crockett Gillmore*	Colorado State
4a	134	DE	Brent Urban*	Virginia
4b	138	RB	Lorenzo Taliaferro*	Coastal Carolina
5	175	G/C	John Urschel*	Penn State
6	194	QB	Keith Wenning	Ball State
7	218	WR/RS	Michael Campanaro	Wake Forest

Ravens acquired the 218th pick from the Browns in exchange for a 2015 draft choice.

2015

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	26	WR	Breshad Perriman	Central Florida
2	55	TE	Maxx Williams	Minnesota
3	90	DT	Carl Davis	Iowa
4a	122	OLB	Za'Darius Smith	Kentucky
4b	125	RB	Javorius "Buck" Allen	Southern California
4c	136	CB	Tray Walker*	Texas Southern
5a	171	TE	Nick Boyle*	Delaware
5b	176	G	Robert Myers*	Tennessee State
6	204	WR/TE	Darren Waller	Georgia Tech

Acquired 55th choice from Arizona in exchange for the Ravens' 58th (second round) and 158th (fifth round) picks.

2016

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	6	T	Ronnie Stanley	Notre Dame
2	42	LB	Kamalei Correa	Boise State
3	70	DE	Bronson Kaufusi	Brigham Young
4a	104	CB	Tavon Young	Temple
4b	107	WR	Chris Moore	Cincinnati
4c	130	G/T	Alex Lewis	Nebraska
4d	132	DT	Willie Henry*	Michigan
4e	134	RB	Kenneth Dixon*	Louisiana Tech
5	146	OLB	Matthew Judon	Grand Valley State
6a	182	WR/RS	Keenan Reynolds	Navy
6b	209	CB	Maurice Canady*	Virginia

Ravens traded the 36th-overall choice to Jacksonville in exchange for the draft's 38th pick and a fifth-round pick (146th overall). Traded the 38th pick to Miami in exchange for the 42nd-overall pick and a fourth-round pick (107th overall).

2017

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	16	CB	Marlon Humphrey	Alabama
2	47	OLB	Tyus Bowser	Houston
3	74	DE	Chris Wormley	Michigan
3	78	OLB	Tim Williams	Alabama
4	122	G	Nico Siragusa	San Diego State
5	159	G/T	Jermaine Eluemunor	Texas A&M
6	186	S	Chuck Clark	Virginia Tech

Note: *Only twice in Ravens history (2001 & 2017) have the Ravens not made a trade during the NFL Draft.*

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Under Contract (57)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Exp.	College	Hometown
37	Allen, Javorius	RB	6-0	222	8/27/91	4	Southern California	Miccosukee, FL
54	Bowser, Tyus	OLB	6-3	240	5/23/95	2	Houston	Tyler, TX
86	Boyle, Nick	TE	6-4	270	2/17/93	4	Delaware	Sussex, NJ
53	Bradley, Bam	ILB	5-11	237	6/26/94	2	Pittsburgh	Trotwood, OH
n/a	Brown, John	WR	5-11	179	4/3/90	5	Pittsburg State	Homestead, FL
26	Canady, Maurice	CB	6-1	193	5/26/94	3	Virginia	Richmond, VA
24	Carr, Brandon	CB	6-0	210	5/19/86	11	Grand Valley State	Flint, MI
36	Clark, Chuck	S	6-0	210	4/19/95	2	Virginia Tech	Suffolk, VA
51	Correa, Kamalei	LB	6-3	241	4/27/94	3	Boise State	Honolulu, HI
46	Cox, Morgan	LS	6-4	235	4/26/86	9	Tennessee	Collierville, TN
n/a	Crabtree, Michael	WR	6-1	215	9/14/87	10	Texas Tech	Dallas, TX
45	Crockett, John	RB	6-0	215	2/16/92	2	North Dakota State	Minneapolis, MN
31	Daniel, Robertson	CB	6-1	205	10/1/91	1	BYU	San Jose, CA
94	Davis, Carl	DT	6-5	321	3/2/92	4	Iowa	Detroit, MI
30	Dixon, Kenneth	RB	5-10	223	1/21/94	3	Louisiana Tech	Strong, AR
70	Donnal, Andrew	G/T	6-6	310	3/3/92	4	Iowa	Monclova, OH
71	Eluemunor, Jermaine	G/T	6-4	338	12/13/94	2	Texas A&M	London, England
5	Flacco, Joe	QB	6-6	245	1/16/85	11	Delaware	Audubon, NJ
69	Henry, Willie	DT	6-3	308	3/20/94	3	Michigan	Cleveland, OH
43	Hill, Jaylen	CB	5-10	178	5/26/94	2	Jacksonville State	Marietta, GA
29	Humphrey, Marlon	CB	6-0	197	7/8/96	2	Alabama	Hoover, AL
74	Hurst, James	G/T	6-5	317	12/17/91	5	North Carolina	Plainfield, IN
n/a	Jackson, Bennett	CB	6-0	192	9/16/91	2	Notre Dame	Hazlet, NJ
23	Jefferson, Tony	S	5-11	215	1/27/92	6	Oklahoma	Chula Vista, CA
99	Judon, Matthew	OLB	6-3	263	8/15/92	3	Grand Valley State	West Bloomfield, MI
92	Kaufusi, Bronson	DE	6-6	285	7/6/91	3	BYU	Provo, UT
4	Koch, Sam	P	6-1	222	8/13/82	13	Nebraska	Seward, NE
60	Kublanow, Brandon	C	6-2	300	4/5/95	2	Georgia	Atlanta, GA
41	Levine Sr., Anthony	DB/LB	5-11	209	3/27/87	7	Tennessee State	Abbeville, LA
72	Lewis, Alex	G/T	6-6	315	4/21/92	3	Nebraska	Tempe, AZ
50	McClellan, Albert	LB	6-2	250	6/4/86	8	Marshall	Lakeland, FL
10	Moore, Chris	WR/RS	6-1	204	6/16/93	3	Cincinnati	Tampa, FL
62	Moore, Steven	T	6-6	303	9/28/93	1	California	Elk Grove, CA
57	Mosley, C.J.	ILB	6-2	250	6/19/92	5	Alabama	Mobile, AL
33	Nelson Jr., Robert	CB	5-9	175	2/16/90	3	Arizona State	Suwanee, GA
67	Nembot, Stephane	T	6-6	320	12/7/91	3	Colorado	Douala, Cameroon
44	Ortiz, Ricky	FB	6-0	233	4/15/94	1	Oregon State	Corona, CA
11	Perriman, Breshad	WR	6-2	215	9/10/93	4	Central Florida	Lithonia, GA
97	Pierce, Michael	DT	6-0	340	11/6/92	3	Samford	Daphne, AL
n/a	Posey, DeVier	WR	6-1	210	3/15/90	3	Ohio State	Cincinnati, OH
42	Ricard, Patrick	FB/DL	6-3	304	5/27/94	2	Maine	Spencer, MA
65	Siragusa, Nico	G	6-4	320	5/10/94	2	San Diego State	San Diego, CA
22	Smith, Jimmy	CB	6-2	210	7/26/88	8	Colorado	Colton, CA
90	Smith, Za'Darius	OLB	6-4	275	9/8/92	4	Kentucky	Greenville, AL
79	Stanley, Ronnie	T	6-6	320	3/18/94	3	Notre Dame	Las Vegas, NV
55	Suggs, Terrell	OLB	6-3	265	10/11/82	16	Arizona State	Chandler, AZ
9	Tucker, Justin	K	6-1	183	11/21/89	7	Texas	Austin, TX
96	Urban, Brent	DE	6-7	300	5/5/91	5	Virginia	Mississauga, ON, CAN
32	Weddle, Eric	S	5-11	200	1/4/85	12	Utah	Alta Loma, CA
6	White, Tim	WR	5-10	181	7/15/94	2	Arizona State	Los Angeles, CA
98	Williams, Brandon	DT	6-1	340	2/21/89	6	Missouri Southern St.	Kirkwood, MO
87	Williams, Maxx	TE	6-4	257	4/12/94	4	Minnesota	Waconia, MN
56	Williams, Tim	OLB	6-3	260	11/12/93	2	Alabama	Baton Rouge, LA
7	Woodrum, Josh	QB	6-3	231	11/7/92	1	Liberty	Roanoke, VA
93	Wormley, Chris	DE	6-5	300	10/25/93	2	Michigan	Toledo, OH
73	Yanda, Marshal	G/T	6-3	305	9/15/84	12	Iowa	Anamosa, IA
25	Young, Tavon	CB	5-9	177	3/14/94	3	Temple	Oxon Hill, MD

Unrestricted Free Agents Remaining (7)

61	Bowanko, Luke	C/G	6-6	300	6/13/91	5	Virginia	Clifton, VA
35	Boykin, Brandon	CB	5-10	173	7/13/90	7	Georgia	Fayetteville, GA
12	Campanaro, Michael	WR/RS	5-9	191	1/25/91	5	Wake Forest	Clarksville, MD
80	Gillmore, Crockett	TE	6-6	266	11/16/91	5	Colorado State	Bushland, TX
58	Johnson, Steven	ILB	6-1	237	3/28/88	7	Kansas	Wallingford, PA
15	Mallett, Ryan	QB	6-6	250	6/5/88	8	Arkansas	Texarkana, TX
28	West, Terrance	RB	5-10	225	1/28/91	5	Towson	Baltimore, MD

Exclusive Rights Free Agents (Tendered - 7)

16	Adeboyejo, Quincy	WR	6-3	197	5/26/95	1	Mississippi	Cedar Hill, TX
34	Collins, Alex	RB	5-10	210	8/26/94	3	Arkansas	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
38	Jean-Baptiste, Stanley	CB	6-3	218	4/12/90	3	Nebraska	Miami, FL
88	Mayle, Vince	TE/WR	6-2	247	6/12/91	3	Washington State	Sacramento, CA
48	Onwuasor, Patrick	ILB	6-0	227	8/22/92	3	Portland State	Inglewood, CA
76	Shakir, Maurquice	G	6-4	313	10/14/93	2	Middle Tennessee St.	Los Angeles, CA
68	Skura, Matt	G/C	6-3	313	2/17/93	2	Duke	Columbus, OH

NUMERICAL DRAFT ROSTER

Under Contract (57)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Exp.	College	How Acq.	2017 Games P	S	DNP	INA
4	Sam Koch	P	6-1	222	8/13/82	13	Nebraska	D6a '06	16	0	0	0
5	Joe Flacco	QB	6-6	245	1/16/85	11	Delaware	D1 '08	16	16	0	0
6	Tim White	WR	5-10	181	7/15/94	2	Arizona State	FA '17	0	0	0	0
7	Josh Woodrum	QB	6-3	231	11/7/92	1	Liberty	FA '17	0	0	0	0
9	Justin Tucker	K	6-1	183	11/21/89	7	Texas	FA '12	16	0	0	0
10	Chris Moore	WR/RS	6-1	204	6/16/93	3	Cincinnati	D4b '16	13	4	0	3
11	Breshad Perriman	WR	6-2	215	9/10/93	4	Central Florida	D1 '15	11	3	0	5
22	Jimmy Smith	CB	6-2	210	7/26/88	8	Colorado	D1 '11	12	12	0	0
23	Tony Jefferson	S	5-11	215	1/27/92	6	Oklahoma	UFA (ARI) '17	16	16	0	0
24	Brandon Carr	CB	6-0	210	5/19/86	11	Grand Valley State	UFA (DAL) '17	16	16	0	0
25	Tavon Young	CB	5-9	177	3/14/94	3	Temple	D4a '16	0	0	0	0
26	Maurice Canady	CB	6-1	193	5/26/94	3	Virginia	D6b '16	8	1	0	0
29	Marlon Humphrey	CB	6-0	197	7/8/96	2	Alabama	D1 '17	16	5	0	0
30	Kenneth Dixon	RB	5-10	223	1/21/94	3	Louisiana Tech	D4e '16	0	0	0	0
31	Robertson Daniel	CB	6-1	205	10/1/91	1	BYU	FA '16	0	0	0	0
32	Eric Weddle	S	5-11	200	1/4/85	12	Utah	UFA (SD) '16	16	16	0	0
33	Robert Nelson Jr.	CB	5-9	175	2/16/90	3	Arizona State	FA '17	0	0	0	0
36	Chuck Clark	S	6-0	210	4/19/95	2	Virginia Tech	D6 '17	15	0	0	1
37	Javorius Allen	RB	6-0	222	8/27/91	4	Southern California	D4b '15	16	0	0	0
39	Danny Woodhead	RB	5-8	204	1/25/85	10	Chadron State	UFA (SD) '17	8	0	0	0
41	Anthony Levine Sr.	DB/LB	5-11	209	3/27/87	7	Tennessee State	FA '12	16	0	0	0
42	Patrick Ricard	FB/DL	6-3	304	5/27/94	2	Maine	FA '17	16	0	0	0
43	Jaylen Hill	CB	5-10	178	5/26/94	2	Jacksonville State	FA '17	6	0	0	9
44	Ricky Ortiz	FB	6-0	233	4/15/94	1	Oregon State	FA '17	0	0	0	0
45	John Crockett	RB	6-0	215	2/16/92	2	North Dakota State	FA '17	0	0	0	0
46	Morgan Cox	LS	6-4	235	4/26/86	9	Tennessee	FA '10	16	0	0	0
50	Albert McClellan	LB	6-2	250	6/4/86	8	Marshall	FA '10	0	0	0	0
51	Kamalei Correa	LB	6-3	241	4/27/94	3	Boise State	D2 '16	16	3	0	0
53	Bam Bradley	ILB	5-11	237	6/26/94	2	Pittsburgh	FA '17	2	0	0	0
54	Tyus Bowser	OLB	6-3	240	5/23/95	2	Houston	D2 '17	16	0	0	0
55	Terrell Suggs	OLB	6-3	265	10/11/82	16	Arizona State	D1a '03	16	16	0	0
56	Tim Williams	OLB	6-3	260	11/12/93	2	Alabama	D3b '17	8	0	0	8
57	C.J. Mosley	ILB	6-2	250	6/19/92	5	Alabama	D1 '14	16	16	0	0
60	Brandon Kublanow	C	6-2	300	4/5/95	2	Georgia	FA '17	0	0	0	0
62	Steven Moore	T	6-6	303	9/28/93	1	California	FA '17	0	0	0	0
65	Nico Siragusa	G	6-4	320	5/10/94	2	San Diego State	D4 '17	0	0	0	0
67	Stephane Nembot	T	6-6	320	12/7/91	3	Colorado	FA '16	0	0	0	0
69	Willie Henry	DT	6-3	308	3/20/94	3	Michigan	D4d '16	14	3	0	2
70	Andrew Donnal	G/T	6-6	310	3/3/92	4	Iowa	WAV (LAR) '17	6	0	1	8
71	Jermaine Eluemunor	G/T	6-4	338	12/13/94	2	Texas A&M	D5 '17	8	2	0	8
72	Alex Lewis	G/T	6-6	315	4/21/92	3	Nebraska	D4c '16	0	0	0	0
73	Marshal Yanda	G/T	6-3	305	9/15/84	12	Iowa	D3b '07	2	2	0	0
74	James Hurst	G/T	6-5	317	12/17/91	5	North Carolina	FA '14	16	16	0	0
79	Ronnie Stanley	T	6-6	320	3/18/94	3	Notre Dame	D1 '16	15	15	0	1
86	Nick Boyle	TE	6-4	270	2/17/93	4	Delaware	D5a '15	15	12	0	1
87	Maxx Williams	TE	6-4	257	4/12/94	4	Minnesota	D2 '15	11	8	0	5
90	Za'Darius Smith	OLB	6-4	275	9/8/92	4	Kentucky	D4a '15	14	4	0	2
92	Bronson Kaufusi	DE	6-6	285	7/6/91	3	BYU	D3 '16	3	1	0	13
93	Chris Wormley	DE	6-5	300	10/25/93	2	Michigan	D3a '17	7	2	0	9
94	Carl Davis	DT	6-5	321	3/2/92	4	Iowa	D3 '15	15	9	0	1
96	Brent Urban	DE	6-7	300	5/5/91	5	Virginia	D4a '14	3	3	0	0
97	Michael Pierce	DT	6-0	340	11/6/92	3	Samford	FA '16	16	13	0	0
98	Brandon Williams	DT	6-1	340	2/21/89	6	Missouri Southern St.	D3 '13	12	12	0	4
99	Matthew Judon	OLB	6-3	263	8/15/92	3	Grand Valley State	D5 '16	16	12	0	0
n/a	John Brown	WR	5-11	179	4/3/90	5	Pittsburg State	UFA (ARI) '18	10	5	0	6
n/a	Michael Crabtree	WR	6-1	215	9/14/87	10	Texas Tech	FA '18	14	14	0	2
n/a	Bennett Jackson	CB	6-0	192	9/16/91	2	Notre Dame	FA '18	0	0	0	0
n/a	DeVier Posey	WR	6-1	210	3/15/90	3	Ohio State	FA '18	0	0	0	0
Unrestricted Free Agents Remaining (7)												
12	Michael Campanaro	WR/RS	5-9	191	1/25/91	5	Wake Forest	D7 '14	13	0	0	3
15	Ryan Mallett	QB	6-6	250	6/5/88	8	Arkansas	FA '15	2	0	14	0
28	Terrance West	RB	5-10	225	1/28/91	5	Towson	FA '15	6	4	0	10
35	Brandon Boykin	CB	5-10	173	7/13/90	7	Georgia	UFA (CHI) '17	0	0	0	0
58	Steven Johnson	ILB	6-1	237	3/28/88	7	Kansas	FA '17	11	0	0	0
61	Luke Bowanko	C/G	6-6	300	6/13/91	5	Virginia	TR (JAX) '17	16	1	0	0
80	Crockett Gillmore	TE	6-6	266	11/16/91	5	Colorado State	D3b '14	0	0	0	0
Exclusive Rights Free Agents (Tendered - 7)												
16	Quincy Adeboyejo	WR	6-3	197	5/26/95	1	Mississippi	FA '17	1	0	0	0
34	Alex Collins	RB	5-10	210	8/26/94	3	Arkansas	FA '17	15	12	0	0
38	Stanley Jean-Baptiste	CB	6-3	218	4/12/90	3	Nebraska	FA '17	1	0	0	3
48	Patrick Onwuasor	ILB	6-0	227	8/22/92	3	Portland State	FA '16	16	13	0	0
68	Matt Skura	G/C	6-3	313	2/17/93	2	Duke	FA '16	12	12	0	2
76	Maurquice Shakir	G	6-4	313	10/14/93	2	Middle Tennessee St.	FA '17	0	0	0	8
88	Vince Mayle	TE/WR	6-2	247	6/12/91	3	Washington State	WAV (DAL) '16	16	0	0	0

MOCK DRAFTS

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An asterisk denotes a prospect who is an underclassman.

1. Cleveland Browns

***Josh Allen, QB, Wyoming**

No change here from my first two mock drafts. The Browns are zeroing in on a quarterback with the first overall pick, and Allen has crushed the pre-draft process. The addition of Tyrod Taylor allows Allen, who is the most raw of the top quarterback prospects in this class, to sit on the sideline and adjust to the speed of the NFL. Cleveland doesn't have to play Allen immediately, which really hurt DeShone Kizer in 2017.

2. New York Giants

***Sam Darnold, QB, USC**

The Giants are in a good spot here. If they don't love one of these quarterbacks, they can solicit trade offers to move down and pick the best player available. They have needs at several positions, including pass-rusher (they just dealt Jason Pierre-Paul) and running back (I went with Saquon Barkley here in Mock Draft 2.0). New York, however, also needs its quarterback of the future, and new coach Pat Shurmur was among the Giants contingent that met with Darnold before his pro day workout. The G-Men could stick with Eli Manning in 2018 and move on to Darnold in 2019.

3. New York Jets (from Indianapolis Colts)

***Josh Rosen, QB, UCLA**

The Jets traded up with the Colts to get a quarterback. Now the question is: Which ones will be available? There's a legitimate chance the Jets have to settle for their third option, but it's possible they like three quarterbacks in this class. Rosen has rare arm talent and is the most NFL-ready of this group, but his injury history (shoulder in 2016, concussions in 2017) has been a point of discussion among teams.

4. Cleveland Browns (from Houston Texans)

***Saquon Barkley, RB, Penn State**

I suspect general manager John Dorsey would be thrilled if he got his quarterback at No. 1 and Barkley at No. 4. My top-ranked prospect in this class, Barkley would make the Browns better on day one as an elite back who will help in the passing game. If Dorsey & Co. decide to try to grab a running back later in the draft, this scenario would allow Cleveland to target the top defender on its board. Alabama defensive back Minkah Fitzpatrick and NC State edge rusher Bradley Chubb are both in play here.

5. Denver Broncos

***Baker Mayfield, QB, Oklahoma**

Count me among the people who believe the Broncos are still in for a quarterback at No. 5, even after signing Case Keenum to a two-year deal. That's a short-term commitment with only $25 million guaranteed, and Denver can't pass up a guy it thinks could be the face of its franchise for at least a decade. General manager John Elway was among the people in attendance at Mayfield's pro day on the first day of free agency. The 2017 Heisman Trophy winner put up huge numbers at Oklahoma, and he has moxie that NFL teams love. If Denver decides against a quarterback, Notre Dame guard Quenton Nelson fills a major need.

6. New York Jets

Bradley Chubb, DE, NC State

So the Colts trade down from No. 3 and still end up with the prospect I've given them in my first two mock drafts. Chubb is the best pass-rusher in this class, and Indianapolis badly needs edge rushers for its expected move to a 4-3 defense. This fit is too perfect -- and the Colts added three second-round picks (two in 2018, one in 2019) in their trade with the Jets.

7. Tampa Bay Buccaneers

***Denzel Ward, CB, Ohio State**

Quenton Nelson might have been in play here, but the Bucs signed center Ryan Jensen in free agency and can move Ali Marpet back to guard. I think this pick has to be a defensive back -- the Bucs had the league's worst passing defense in 2017. Tampa Bay could choose from the best corner or safety on its board, and Ward is the top corner in this class. Former first-round pick Vernon Hargreaves III has not impressed, and Brent Grimes will be 35 when the season begins.

8. Chicago Bears

***Quenton Nelson, G, Notre Dame**

I like what the Bears have done in free agency, adding weapons for quarterback Mitchell Trubisky in Allen Robinson, Trey Burton and Taylor Gabriel. Now go get Trubisky some more protection in Nelson, a dominant interior blocker who can slot in Josh Sitton's spot. Another thing to note: Chicago hired Harry Hiestand, Nelson's position coach at Notre Dame, this offseason to coach its offensive line.

9. San Francisco 49ers

***Minkah Fitzpatrick, DB, Alabama**

San Francisco picked up Richard Sherman before free agency started, but its defensive backfield still isn't set. The 49ers could take the versatile Fitzpatrick and use him in a hybrid safety role in which he plays some slot corner too. He's a true playmaker with the size and athleticism to play any position in the secondary. General manager John Lynch showed last year that he isn't afraid to make draft-day trades, so this is a spot to watch for teams moving up.

10. Oakland Raiders

***Roquan Smith, ILB, Georgia**

This pick has been the same since Mock Draft 1.0 because Smith just makes sense as the new face of Jon Gruden's defense (with Khalil Mack, of course). Oakland's linebacker play was abysmal in 2017, and Smith is the type of sideline-to-sideline player that every defensive coordinator covets. Smith can play all three downs, and he also could pitch in and rush the passer.

11. Miami Dolphins

***Derwin James, S, Florida State**

James is back in the discussion for the top 10 after he ran a 4.47 40-yard dash and showed off a 40-inch vertical at the combine. He has rare athleticism for a 6-foot-2 safety, though his 2017 tape was inconsistent after he returned from a knee injury that caused him to miss most of the previous season. At his best, James is an enforcer in the mold of Kam Chancellor -- he's not afraid to bring the wood. He can be a versatile defender who plays in the box and also covers the deep middle of the field. The Dolphins have arguably lost more talent this offseason than any other team, and they have needs all across their roster.

12. Buffalo Bills (from Cincinnati Bengals)

***Tremaine Edmunds, LB, Virginia Tech**

The Bills are trying to move up even more to draft a quarterback; four could be off the board by the time they select at 12, the pick they received from the Bengals in the trade for offensive tackle Cordy Glenn. So with no trades in my mock draft, I'm going with a need here, as Buffalo lost leading tackler Preston Brown in free agency and doesn't have much depth at the position. I see Edmunds' best fit as an inside linebacker in a 3-4, but there are teams that like him as an outside linebacker and edge rusher. The versatility is a plus, and he could play inside or outside in the Bills' 4-3.

13. Washington Redskins

***Vita Vea, DT, Washington**

As I noted in Mock Draft 2.0, Washington ranked last in the league in run defense in 2017, allowing 134.1 yards per game. This team needs a nose tackle who can eat up space and take on blockers, and that's what Vea brings. He's a strong and athletic tackle who also can get after quarterbacks. The Redskins like 2017 first-round pick Jonathan Allen, who played in only five games because of a Lisfranc injury, and he and Vea would be a nice defensive foundation on which to build.

14. Green Bay Packers

Marcus Davenport, DE, UT San Antonio

Cornerback is a need for Green Bay, but Davenport would be hard to pass up. He's the second-best pass-rusher in this class and a 6-foot-6, 264-pound quick-twitch athlete with a high ceiling. The Packers need to get younger at outside linebacker -- Clay Matthews will be 32 this spring -- and Davenport could be a part-time player while he gets up to speed at the NFL level. Davenport also fits as a defensive end with his hand in the dirt in a 4-3.

15. Arizona Cardinals

***Lamar Jackson, QB, Louisville**

Surprised? Don't be. Sam Bradford and Mike Glennon are short-term solutions for a team that has seen a talent drain since it went to the NFC title game in the 2015 season. There are holes all across the Cardinals' roster, particularly at wide receiver, as Larry Fitzgerald will be 35 when the season begins. Jackson is one of the most dynamic quarterback talents I've ever scouted, but he's raw. As I wrote in my updated Big Board, if a smart offensive coordinator builds his offense around Jackson's strengths, the former Heisman Trophy winner could be a star.

16. Baltimore Ravens

Mike McGlinchey, OT, Notre Dame

McGlinchey is a plug-and-play right tackle who would be playing on the same line as his college teammate Ronnie Stanley. McGlinchey played on the right side for Notre Dame two years ago, and he was dominant. Then he took Stanley's spot at left tackle -- and was dominant. This move also would allow Baltimore to keep Alex Lewis at guard instead of trying him at right tackle. Lewis also could move to center to replace Ryan Jensen.

17. Los Angeles Chargers

***Da'Ron Payne, DT, Alabama**

This is another pick that has stayed the same across my first two mock drafts, and the Chargers haven't done anything in free agency to address their porous run defense (as I noted last month, their 4.9 yards per rushing attempt allowed ranked last in the league). Payne had only three career sacks at Alabama, but he's stellar against the run and is quick off the ball.

18. Seattle Seahawks

***Josh Jackson, CB, Iowa**

Seattle is set at one corner with Shaquill Griffin, a steal in the third round of last year's draft. But after releasing Richard Sherman, the other corner spot is far from settled. The 6-foot Jackson fits the Seahawks' mold of bigger corners, and he has great ball skills (eight interceptions in 2017). Seattle has lost a lot of talent this offseason and could go after another offensive lineman or wide receiver.

19. Dallas Cowboys

Rashaan Evans, ILB, Alabama

This pick could depend on how the Cowboys feel about Jaylon Smith, who improved as the 2017 season went along but struggled at times. If they think Smith can fill in at middle linebacker with Anthony Hitchens gone to the Chiefs in free agency, they might look elsewhere in the draft. For now, I think Evans is a good fit as an every-down player. Tight end is another position to watch here -- Dallas needs to replace Jason Witten at some point.

20. Detroit Lions

***Taven Bryan, DT, Florida**

This pick is all about projection, as Bryan is a freakish talent who didn't produce to his ability at Florida; he had only 5.5 career sacks. But there were games (turn on the Texas A&M tape from 2017) in which he looked like a top-10 pick. He would play 3-technique for the Lions and new coach Matt Patricia. Bryan is raw, but he could be a star given time (and coaching) to develop. Linebacker and cornerback also could be options for Detroit here, and running back shouldn't be out of the question.

21. Cincinnati Bengals (from Buffalo Bills)

***Kolton Miller, OT, UCLA**

Miller impressed at the combine, running a 4.91 40 and jumping 10-foot-1 in the broad jump. Did I mention he's 6-foot-8, 309 pounds? The Bengals traded for Cordy Glenn to be their left tackle, as Cedric Ogbuehi struggled in 2017. Miller could compete with Jake Fisher on the right side, giving Cincinnati upgraded depth along the line. The Bengals also could eye a linebacker here with Vontaze Burfict facing a suspension to start the season.

22. Buffalo Bills (from Kansas City Chiefs)

***Jaire Alexander, CB, Louisville**

The Bills signed veteran Vontae Davis last month to start at corner opposite 2017 first-round pick Tre'Davious White, but it's a one-year deal. This is a team desperately in need of quality depth in the secondary. Alexander was a new addition to my latest Big Board because of how he performed at the combine; he ran a 4.38 40 and his numbers in the drills ranked near the top of his class. At 5-foot-10, 196 pounds, Alexander is undersized, and he could play in the nickel.

23. Los Angeles Rams

***Leighton Vander Esch, LB, Boise State**

The Rams' defense has undergone several changes this offseason. Robert Quinn, Trumaine Johnson and Alec Ogletree are gone, and Aqib Talib, Marcus Peters, Sam Shields and Ndamukong Suh are in. Cornerback is no longer Los Angeles' top need, which is why I'm going with an athletic inside linebacker here to replace Ogletree. Vander Esch is versatile enough to be an every-down player. Trust in defensive coordinator Wade Phillips to develop him.

24. Carolina Panthers

***Justin Reid, S, Stanford**

Reid is another fast riser after the combine, and he stands out on the Stanford tape. He can play in the box or as a deep safety, taking over for Kurt Coleman in the Panthers' secondary. I think he's going to play on day one in the NFL and be a key rookie standout wherever he ends up. The Panthers traded for Torrey Smith, but they should still be in the market for an upgrade at receiver.

25. Tennessee Titans

Harold Landry, OLB, Boston College

Landry is the top 3-4 outside linebacker in this class, an elite edge rusher when he's at his best. That wasn't in 2017, as he missed five games with an ankle injury. He dominated in 2016, though, with 16.5 sacks and looked like a potential top-five pick. The team that selects Landry will hope he can replicate his 2016 form. Tennessee needs to get younger at outside linebacker, and starters Brian Orakpo and Derrick Morgan will be free agents next March.

26. Atlanta Falcons

***Calvin Ridley, WR, Alabama**

Finally, a receiver comes off the board. Ridley is still my top-ranked wideout, but he's dropping a little bit. He didn't test well athletically at the combine, and he didn't show off the explosion I expected (a vertical jump of 31 inches was concerning). Still, the tape shows a player who consistently beats cornerbacks and is great after the catch. Ridley, Julio Jones and Mohamed Sanu would form one of the most talented receiving corps in the league.

27. New Orleans Saints

***Hayden Hurst, TE, South Carolina**

As I noted in Mock Draft 2.0 when I pegged Hurst to New Orleans, Drew Brees needs a No. 1 tight end. Coby Fleener was a free-agent bust, and we thought the Saints might try to bring back Jimmy Graham. Hurst is an all-around tight end who can help in the running game while he develops as a pass-catcher. The New Orleans offense is loaded, but this is a critical void that needs to be filled. I also wouldn't be surprised if the Saints targeted a quarterback at this spot or on Day 2.

28. Pittsburgh Steelers

Lorenzo Carter, OLB, Georgia

Yes, the Steelers took an edge rusher in T.J. Watt in the first round of last year's draft, but I still think this is a position of need. Bud Dupree hasn't quite broken out like we thought he might when he was selected on Day 1 in 2015. The reason I'm going with Carter here is because he could potentially play inside linebacker too, taking over for Ryan Shazier. Carter showed versatility at Georgia and wasn't always asked to rush the passer -- he had only 9.5 sacks over the past two seasons.

29. Jacksonville Jaguars

***D.J. Moore, WR, Maryland**

Moore is one of my favorite prospects in this class, and he tested off the charts at the combine (4.42 40 and 11-foot broad jump). He could be a No. 1 receiver in time, and he'll be an impact returner as a rookie. Jacksonville lost top wideout Allen Robinson in free agency and will try to replace him with a combination of Dede Westbrook, Donte Moncrief and Keelan Cole. Why not take a big-time receiver on Day 1 and fill that hole?

30. Minnesota Vikings

***James Daniels, C/G, Iowa**

Daniels is my top-ranked center, but in this scenario he'd slot in as an immediate starter at guard for the Vikings, who already have Pat Elflein at center. Daniels is a technically sound player who can get to the second level with ease. After having one of the NFL's worst offensive lines in 2016, Minnesota made some smart moves to upgrade in 2017. And if the Vikings add Daniels, they might have one of the league's best O-lines in 2018.

31. New England Patriots

***Mike Hughes, CB, Central Florida**

The Patriots lost Nate Solder, Malcolm Butler, Dion Lewis, Cameron Fleming and Danny Amendola, among others, in free agency, and they have more holes in their roster than usual. Are they really expecting veteran Jason McCourty to replace Butler? Former second-round pick Cyrus Jones has barely played in two seasons in New England, so I don't think he's the answer. Hughes emerged as a shutdown corner in 2017 and also will help as a punt and kick returner. He had three returns for touchdowns last season. Given Bill Belichick's history in the draft, the Patriots could trade down to acquire more picks.

32. Philadelphia Eagles

Dallas Goedert, TE, South Dakota State

My best comp for Goedert after watching him closely in 2017? Eagles tight end Zach Ertz. So this pick would mean the Eagles get a ready-made replacement for Trey Burton (and Brent Celek). Philadelphia showed last season that there are plenty of snaps available for multiple tight ends. Goedert is an adequate blocker who will be a threat as a pass-catcher. This is a great situation for him.

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Note: All underclassmen are noted with an asterisk.

1. Cleveland Browns

***Sam Darnold, QB, USC**

I've had Darnold here in the previous two mocks as well. After the combine this past week, it's sounding as if this pick could come down to him or Saquon Barkley. Darnold is the best QB in this class, in my opinion. However, I also could see Josh Allen as the choice here, since he has more experience in the cold, the big arm and the hand size (10⅛ inches) to diminish fumbling concerns in bad AFC North weather. If Cleveland addresses its quarterback situation in free agency (AJ McCarron?), then I think Barkley is the pick here.

2. New York Giants

***Saquon Barkley, RB, Penn State**

The Giants could go a lot of different directions here. If they are really looking to win now with Eli Manning at QB, then they should take the best player in the draft, Barkley. Give Manning a running game and a little more pass protection (via free agency or later in the draft) and Giants fans would argue they are a playoff team. Bradley Chubb and Quenton Nelson are in play here as well. And New York also could get a sweet offer to move back for a team looking to jump up and take a QB.

3. Indianapolis Colts

Bradley Chubb, DE, NC State

Like the Giants, the big question will be if Indianapolis gets a worthwhile offer to move down from a QB-needy team. If that call doesn't come, then I believe this pick comes down to Chubb or Nelson. With so many holes on this team, including edge rusher, Chubb makes the most sense. He played his way into a top-10 pick this season at NC State and solidified it with a strong combine workout. A high-motor guy, he has good talent and is a very complete player. A plug-and-play starter.

4. Cleveland Browns (from Houston Texans

***Minkah Fitzpatrick, DB, Alabama**

There are teams that could be looking to move up to this pick to get ahead of Denver and the New York Jets (Miami, Arizona, Buffalo to name a few), so the Browns could cash in with the QB they want and now get additional picks to move down. Since we can't project trades, Cleveland goes with a difference-maker on defense in Fitzpatrick (Tremaine Edmunds would be another possibility). With needs at CB, WR, DE and offensive line (among others), this pick is also dependent on where Cleveland spends to upgrade in free agency.

5. Denver Broncos

***Quenton Nelson, G, Notre Dame**

I keep hearing that the Broncos are looking to upgrade the QB position in free agency, but the name I keep hearing isn't Kirk Cousins -- it's Case Keenum. If Denver gets either guy, it needs significant help on the O-line, even after drafting offensive tackle Garett Bolles in the first round last year. Nelson had a terrific combine and is a plug-and-play, high-level starter. He's a guard, not a tackle, but he's also currently my second-ranked prospect in this class. If Denver doesn't address QB in free agency, Allen is the likely pick here.

6. New York Jets

***Josh Allen, QB, Wyoming**

The Jets are another team in the Cousins sweepstakes, but assuming they miss out they'd be thrilled if Allen (or Baker Mayfield) were available here. Allen has the best arm talent in the draft and can make any throw. The concern over his 56.3 completion percentage last season at Wyoming is probably overblown, but there are some accuracy issues with multidimensional throws. He's more of a project than some other QBs in this class, but he definitely has the highest ceiling.

7. Tampa Bay Buccaneers

***Derwin James, S, Florida State**

The Bucs were dead last in the NFL with 17 sacks last season, so they need an edge rusher badly. But the defensive end class this year lacks elite talent at the top, and this is a reach for someone like Marcus Davenport. Instead, Tampa Bay should take the best player available -- which is James. James is a versatile playmaker on the back end, and also a terrific athlete. His outstanding workout in Indy (40-inch vertical jump, 11-foot broad jump, 4.47 40-yard dash) wasn't surprising.

8. Chicago Bears

***Denzel Ward, CB, Ohio State**

Calvin Ridley is still my top-ranked WR, but he had a mixed combine workout. The Bears do need playmakers on the outside for second-year QB Mitchell Trubisky, but right now, there are simply too many higher-graded players on the board available. Even if Chicago keeps Kyle Fuller (it placed the transition tag on him), the Bears need a lockdown CB. Ward is that guy, and his blazing 4.32 40 cemented his spot as the No. 1 CB in this draft.

9. San Francisco 49ers

***Tremaine Edmunds, DE/OLB, Virginia Tech**

The 49ers need another cornerback, but in this scenario Ward is gone at No. 8. The 49ers have invested heavily on the defensive line high in previous drafts, but I think they look to the second level of the defense here. And Edmunds is a gift at No. 9. At 6-foot-4, 254 pounds, he has elite speed (4.47 40) and athleticism -- and he's only 19. Edmunds has the ability to play off the ball on first and second downs and rush the QB on obvious passing downs.

10. Oakland Raiders

***Roquan Smith, LB, Georgia**

Oakland has needs all over on defense (CB, LB, edge rusher) and not enough available cap room to make huge upgrades in free agency. Smith would be a good building block for the Raiders' defense, as a rangy weakside linebacker with fast eyes and terrific closing speed. He's also a great leader and possesses tremendous football character.

11. Miami Dolphins

Baker Mayfield, QB, Oklahoma

Smith could also be a great pick for Miami, but if he's off the board and Mayfield and Josh Rosen are both on the board, I think Miami takes a QB here. Ryan Tannehill is good enough to win when healthy, but his availability has been a problem in recent seasons. Adam Gase would be a good offensive mind to help utilize Mayfield's strengths.

12. Cincinnati Bengals

***Vita Vea, DT, Washington**

Cincinnati had a disappointing 7-9 season, and the offensive line's poor play and inability to run the ball were big reasons why. With the 12th pick, there isn't an offensive tackle in this class worthy of selection here. The Bengals need difference-makers along the defensive front seven, and Vea fits the bill. He didn't get a chance to fully show off his athleticism at the combine after an injury, but he's extremely agile for a 6-foot-4, 347-pound player. He's a load to move in the running game and disruptive as a power rusher. This would be back-to-back years of using first-round picks on Washington players for the Bengals (WR John Ross, 2017).

13. Washington Redskins

***Mike Hughes, CB, Central Florida**

Quarterback is no longer a pressing need for Washington after trading for Alex Smith and letting Cousins walk. Now, Washington needs to surround Smith with playmakers and tighten up its defense. Hughes is a talented cover corner who also supports the run. A playmaker when the ball is in the air, he's also a dynamic return specialist.

14. Green Bay Packers

Marcus Davenport, DE, UT San Antonio

Davenport built on a good Senior Bowl week with an impressive showing at the combine. A 4.58-second 40 at 6-foot-5¾, 264 pounds is a ridiculous time, and he showed off his athleticism in other drills. He's still a work in progress, but he's already a long, powerful pass-rusher. Green Bay needs more talent on defense, and Davenport certainly checks that box. Even if the Packers sign Muhammad Wilkerson in free agency, Davenport could be the pick.

15. Arizona Cardinals

***Josh Rosen, QB, UCLA**

Arizona is tough to predict right now, because of what the Cardinals might do in free agency. If they sign a QB like Keenum, Teddy Bridgewater or another veteran, the Cardinals could go in another direction. If they don't address the position in free agency, I'm assuming they will trade up for a QB. They would love to get Allen or Darnold, but can they move up that far? If not, I think they try to move up 5-8 spots for Rosen or Mayfield. We can't project trades, so in this scenario they grab Rosen at No. 15.

16. Baltimore Ravens

Calvin Ridley, WR, Alabama

The Ravens are in desperate need of offensive playmakers, and they'd be thrilled if Ridley were available here. His poor jumps (worst broad jump, second-worst vertical jump among WRs) at the combine are a bit concerning, but he's still the clear top wideout in this class. He runs terrific routes and creates well after the catch.

17. Los Angeles Chargers

Rashaan Evans, LB, Alabama

Los Angeles' defense is strong but needs an upgrade at linebacker, and Evans is a thumper in the running game. He plays with tremendous effort and has sneaky pass-rush ability as well.

18. Seattle Seahawks

***Josh Jackson, CB, Iowa**

The Seahawks are seemingly always in need of offensive line help, so Connor Williams could be a name in play here. But Jackson is a long corner (6-0, 196) who fits the Seattle prototype, and he's a big-time ball hawk (led the nation with eight interceptions last season). With Richard Sherman's future up in the air, Jackson's potential is too good to pass on.

19. Dallas Cowboys

***Da'Ron Payne, DT, Alabama**

Payne's sack total is underwhelming (three total in college), but just turn on the tape. He's a highly disruptive player in the middle and would help Dallas' effort to upgrade the Cowboys' pass rush (38 sacks last year was a big improvement). Payne would be a good fit as a 3-technique in Rod Marinelli's system, and would pair well with DeMarcus Lawrence (franchise tagged). With Jason Witten turning 36 this offseason, TE Dallas Goedert is another good option.

20. Detroit Lions

***Connor Williams, OT/G, Texas**

Even with Ezekiel Ansah tagged, Detroit could use help at defensive end, but there isn't the value here. Instead, the Lions should turn their attention to keep Matthew Stafford upright. Williams is an athletic pass-protector and played left tackle in college. With shorter arms (33 inches), he might be a better fit inside at guard in the pros. Williams missed nearly all of this past season at Texas because of a knee injury, so how his medicals check out will be vital to his stock.

21. Buffalo Bills

***Taven Bryan, DT, Florida**

The big question for the Bills is: What's the plan at QB? Will Buffalo package these two picks to go up to get a QB? Will the Bills sign one in free agency? Since we can't project trades, I'll go defense here. Buffalo needs help along the defensive line after trading DT Marcell Dareus last season, and Bryan would be a good fit. Bryan is an explosive 3-technique whose best football is still ahead of him. His workout confirmed what I saw on tape.

22. Buffalo Bills (from Kansas City Chiefs)

***Jaire Alexander, CB, Louisville**

This could be one spot for Lamar Jackson. Otherwise, I think they go defense again. Secondary help is needed outside of Tre'Davious White and the recently signed Vontae Davis. Alexander missed half the season, but he's a big-time cover corner. His combine workout -- highlighted by a 4.38 40 -- turned some heads.

23. Los Angeles Rams

***Will Hernandez, G, UTEP**

The Rams had a need at CB, but the pending deal for Marcus Peters takes care of that. There's no edge rusher worthy of this pick, so I'm going with the top-rated offensive lineman on the board. Hernandez is a monster in the running game and gives no ground to bull rushers. He'll help to keep Jared Goff protected and open up running lanes for Todd Gurley II.

24. Carolina Panthers

***Isaiah Oliver, CB, Colorado**

Oliver has size (6-foot), speed (4.50 40) and length (33½-inch arm span). The Panthers would like to get a playmaker for Cam Newton but might be better served addressing the secondary here and getting better value on Day 2 of the draft.

25. Tennessee Titans

Dallas Goedert, TE, South Dakota State

It isn't a terrific tight end group this year, but Goedert is the best one in this class. He's still a little underrated and didn't get a chance to shine at the Senior Bowl or combine because of injury. His pro day will be important. You don't get too many two-way TEs coming out of college, but Goedert fits the bill. He's got a big frame (6-4, 260) with good speed and can play in-line or detached.

26. Atlanta Falcons

***Justin Reid, S, Stanford**

Guard is a definite need for Atlanta, but a position I believe the Falcons will address in free agency. This might be a bit of a reach, but I really like Reid's tape and he backed it up with a great combine workout (4.40 40 at 6-1, 204, along with 10-foot, 8-inch broad jump and 36.5-inch vertical jump). I think he's worthy of a top-40 selection.

27. New Orleans Saints

Lamar Jackson, QB, Louisville

The Saints could go offensive line with James Daniels or Billy Price, or TE with Goedert if he's available. I'm putting Jackson here because Drew Brees can't play forever, and this would be a terrific spot for him to sit, learn and develop behind a Hall of Fame QB and a terrific offensive mind in Sean Payton.

28. Pittsburgh Steelers

***Hayden Hurst, TE, South Carolina**

Hurst is a big (6-4, 250), athletic target who can contribute immediately. A former pro baseball player, Hurst has good ball skills and can help stretch the seam for Ben Roethlisberger and that potent Pittsburgh offense. He's also a good blocker.

29. Jacksonville Jaguars

***D.J. Moore, WR, Maryland**

Jacksonville has a real possibility of losing Marqise Lee and Allen Robinson in free agency. If that happens, WR is a huge need. Moore's tape is really good when he's targeted, and his combine showing, including a 4.42 40, only helped his cause. A tough WR with good run-after-the-catch skills.

30. Minnesota Vikings

Billy Price, C/G, Ohio State

One way or another, Minnesota will solve its starting QB situation through free agency. With that in place, there aren't a lot of holes on this roster. Minnesota had great success with 2017 third-round pick Pat Elflein, so they go back to the Buckeyes well here. Price tore his pec at the combine and underwent surgery, but he should be fine for training camp. He's an experienced starter with great character, and could be an immediate upgrade.

31. New England Patriots

Lorenzo Carter, OLB, Georgia

Offensive tackle is a possibility for New England, but I think guys like Kolton Miller and Geron Christian are a bit of a reach here. Carter is a versatile LB at 6-5, 250 with 34-inch arms -- he can play standing up and even some right defensive end in a 4-3. He plays his tail off on tape, and the Patriots could use his pass-rushing production. He had an outstanding combine with a 4.50 40 and outstanding jumps (10-foot, 10-inch broad, 36-inch vertical).

32. Philadelphia Eagles

D.J. Chark, WR, LSU

The Super Bowl champions have the luxury of drafting for value, for a roster without many holes. Chark is a raw route runner but has the tools to develop. His stock is on the rise after a great Senior Bowl week and combine workout, punctuated with a 4.34 40 and 40-inch vertical jump. He could fill Torrey Smith's role as an explosive vertical WR in the future.

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PICK 1

Sam Darnold - QB, USC

Darnold's rain-soaked pro-day workout will go down in the history of pre-draft moments the media ate up. Guess what? Teams loved it, too. Darnold's the leader in the clubhouse for the first overall pick. Team owners don't typically attend pro days. Jimmy Haslam made sure to be at this one.

PICK 2

Josh Allen - QB, Wyoming

Lost in the hype around Darnold's workout was the show Allen put on at Wyoming's pro day last week. Scouts drool over his arm. **Giants** fans might want **Saquon Barkley** here, but with **Eli Manning** turning 38 in January, drafting his successor when you're the owners of the No. 2 pick seems like a wise move.

PICK 3

Josh Rosen - QB, UCLA

The **Jets** didn't trade up to No. 3 to draft a pass rusher. They swung big for **Kirk Cousins** in free agency and didn't land him. Rosen makes all the throws. The last time the **Jets** picked a QB the top five, he took them to two AFC Championship Games in his first two years. Rosen won't even have to start Week 1 in 2018 with veteran QBs in place.

PICK 4

Saquon Barkley - RB, Penn State

Viewed as the "cleanest" prospect in this draft by many league executives, the **Browns** scoop up the do-everything running back with their second pick. **Sam Darnold** *and* Barkley? I'd like that haul for Cleveland. **Browns** fans would, too.

PICK 5

Bradley Chubb - DE, N.C. State

Widely viewed as the top defensive player in this draft, Chubb and **Von Miller** could be a nasty duo to deal with for the next several seasons out in Denver. Purely a "best player available" deal for John Elway here.

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PICK 6

Baker Mayfield - QB, Oklahoma

PROJECTED TRADE WITH COLTS. What would it take for the **Bills** to move into this spot? I think picks 12 and 22 for the sixth overall choice would be a fair swap. Buffalo gets a QB, Indianapolis gets yet another pick in the first two rounds, and both teams can build, build, build.

PICK 7

Quenton Nelson - OG, Notre Dame

Seen as the best offensive lineman in this draft and potentially the top offensive guard to enter the league since **Zack Martin**, Nelson would add even more toughness to a **Buccaneers** offensive line that's already added **Ryan Jensen** this off-season.

PICK 8

Denzel Ward - CB, Ohio State

Chicago continues its outstanding off-season with another young piece for the defense. Ward was a stud in a defensive backfield that included 2017 first-round picks **Malik Hooker**, **Marshon Lattimore**, and **Gareon Conley**. He's a top-10 pick, and going to Chicago at No. 8 seems right.

PICK 9

Derwin James - S, Florida State

He's 6-foot-3, 215 pounds, and had arguably the best NFL **Scouting Combine** performance of any defensive back in this draft. The **49ers** love the **Richard Sherman** and **Ahkello Witherspoon** combination at corner. Safeties **Jimmie Ward** and **Jaquiski Tartt** are entering the final year of their contracts. John Lynch -- one of the greatest safeties to ever play the game -- could pick one here.

PICK 10

Roquan Smith - LB, Georgia

Total playmaker against the run and pass. He was often the best player -- lack of size, be damned -- on the field in SEC games loaded with talent. The **Raiders** need defensive talent, and they need it in all areas.

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PICK 11

Minkah Fitzpatrick - DB, Alabama

Fitzpatrick can play any position in the secondary. He can hit, and he's a ballhawk. More than a few evaluators have compared him to **Tyrann Mathieu**. He'll be a steal at No. 11, like **Marshon Lattimore** was a year ago. Good pickup for a **Dolphins** defense that has some holes to fill in the back end.

PICK 12

Harold Landry - EDGE, Boston College

PROJECTED TRADE WITH BILLS. Landry battled injury and had a down year in 2017, but would he not be a dazzling fit in Matt Eberflus' scheme? Landry set the BC single-season sack record with 16.5 in 2016 and is rapidly rising up draft boards.

PICK 13

Tremaine Edmunds - LB, Virginia Tech

The **Redskins** can go a variety of ways here, but I love the idea of Edmunds joining an already fierce pass rush in Washington. Defense will be a high priority for the **Redskins** throughout draft weekend, and Edmunds is an uber-athlete who can do it all from either the DE or LB spot. He's 19 years old, which would make him the youngest player in the NFL.

PICK 14

Mike Hughes - CB, UCF

Hughes can flat-out ball. He spent only one season at UCF, and he has some questions to answer about his UNC days. However, he would be a nice fit in what could be a young and talented Green Bay secondary.

PICK 15

Vita Vea - DT, Washington

Vea's viewed as the draft's most dominant interior defensive lineman, a true man-child who can both stuff the run and rush the quarterback. At 6-foot-4, 347 pounds, he'd be an awfully nice piece to add to Steve Wilks' defensive front seven.

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PICK 16

Calvin Ridley - WR, Alabama

If this is in fact Ozzie Newsome's last year running the **Ravens**' draft, the best Alabama receiver since **Amari Cooper** is a strong bet to come off the board at No. 16. I know the **Ravens** added **Michael Crabtree**. I don't think they're done with improving the strength of the position.

PICK 17

Josh Jackson - CB, Iowa

Sitting at No. 17, the **Chargers** can be patient with their selection and go with the best available player. Many see Jackson -- a tough, smart player who excelled in the Big Ten -- as a top-15 prospect. Good fit in Los Angeles, where Gus Bradley will get the most out of him.

PICK 18

Marcus Davenport - DE, UTSA

There's not a long history of NFL talent coming from UTSA, but Davenport is a first-round guy. Mike Mayock compared his **Senior Bowl** rise to that of DeMarcus Ware. The **Seahawks** are undergoing a bit of a face-lift this off-season. This could be a steal at No. 18.

PICK 19

Da'Ron Payne - DT, Alabama

The **Cowboys** could use a few more young, big bodies on that defensive line, and Payne is one of the best in this year's college crop. Great against the run; will improve as a pass rusher.

PICK 20

Mike McGlinchey - OT, Notre Dame

Coming off Notre Dame's pro day last week, I had more people texting me about McGlinchey than his former teammate/all-world guard **Quenton Nelson**. Love this fit for Detroit, a team that shuffled its offensive line a bunch due to injuries in 2017.

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PICK 21

Isaiah Wynn - OG/OT, Georgia

Versatile offensive lineman who started 15 games for a Georgia Bulldogs team that played for a national title. Sound blocker who played tackle and guard in college, and could do so at the next level from Day 1.

PICK 22

Derrius Guice - RB, LSU

PROJECTED TRADE WITH BILLS. Guice started just six games in 2016, filling in for an injured **Leonard Fournette**, and still led the SEC in rushing yards with 1,387. An incredible athlete, Guice could be the perfect addition to the Indy offense.

PICK 23

James Daniels - C/OG, Iowa

A Kirk Ferentz-coached center who can also play guard, Daniels is the smart, versatile lineman Sean McVay covets. Offense, offense, offense in this draft for the **Rams**.

PICK 24

Will Hernandez - OG, UTEP

Another big interior offensive lineman comes off the board. Hernandez had an outstanding Combine and has an incredible back story. He also was dominant last season in the trenches. With guard **Andrew Norwell** leaving in free agency, this pick could make sense.

PICK 25

Sam Hubbard - LB, Ohio State

Would 25th be too early for Hubbard, a guy I haven't seen projected to go in Round 1 in many mock drafts? Not if you look at the **Titans**' needs and the pedigree of new head coach Mike Vrabel. An Ohio State linebacker could make a whole lot of sense.

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PICK 26

Maurice Hurst - DT, Michigan

Dontari Poe and **Adrian Clayborn** are gone, and **Ahtyba Rubin** remains unsigned. Hurst is an elite interior pass rusher who has the smarts to get on the field for the **Falcons** right away.

PICK 27

Lamar Jackson - QB, Louisville

I still love this fit. Jackson could serve as one of **Drew Brees**' understudies, learn the position from one of the best, be groomed by one of the greatest offensive minds in the game in Sean Payton, and potentially still contribute as he develops.

PICK 28

Rashaan Evans - LB, Alabama

I would not be shocked if the **Steelers** continued to add talent on the defensive side of the ball on the first two days of the draft. Evans is a freak athlete who had 13 tackles for loss in 2017.

PICK 29

Mike Gesicki - TE, Penn State

Yes, the Jags signed **Austin Seferian-Jenkins**. But they also let **Marcedes Lewis** go. Gesicki is a 6-foot-5 athletic freak who could both stretch the field and provide protection for **Blake Bortles**.

PICK 30

Leighton Vander Esch - LB, Boise State

Vander Esch was the Mountain West Conference's Defensive Player of the Year, and in the nationally televised Las Vegas Bowl, he recorded 12 tackles (3 for loss; one sack) and a forced fumble. The **Vikings** might have the best front seven in football, but with contracts for three key players (**Danielle Hunter**, **Anthony Barr**, Eric Kendricks) due to expire after the 2018 season, adding some depth at the linebacker position wouldn't be the worst move at 30th overall.

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PICK 31

Jerome Baker - LB, Ohio State

Pass rusher or O-line seems to be the safe bet here with the **Patriots**, but who knows? If they like a quarterback in this draft, they could be in play for that, too.

PICK 32

Jaire Alexander - CB, Louisville

The world champs add a talented cornerback to an already strong defensive backfield.

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PICK NO. 1 — **SAM DARNOLD** — USC — QB

The presence of Tyrod Taylor allows the Browns to take a patient approach with their QB of the future.

PICK NO. 2 — **QUENTON NELSON** — NOTRE DAME — G

New GM Dave Gettleman is all about the "hog mollies" (big guys), so he could bypass a quarterback of the future and a dynamic runner to add a Pro Bowl-caliber interior blocker to the roster.

PICK NO. 3 — **JOSH ROSEN** — UCLA — QB

The Jets mortgage the farm to get their quarterback of the future. Rosen is an ideal fit as a classic pocket passer with a high football IQ and a polished game.

PICK NO. 4 — **SAQUON BARKLEY** — PENN ST. — RB

The No. 1 player in the draft falls to the Browns in this scenario. Barkley will team with Carlos Hyde and Duke Johnson to give the Browns a diverse RB rotation to lean on.

PICK NO. 5 — **DENZEL WARD** — OHIO ST. — CB

After trading away Aqib Talib, the Broncos fill the void by snagging the ultra-explosive Ward to join Bradley Roby and Chris Harris Jr. in the CB rotation.

PICK NO. 6 — **BRADLEY CHUBB** — N.C. STATE — DE

The Colts desperately need a pass rusher to spark a defense that's struggled to generate pressure off the edges.

PICK NO. 7 — **MINKAH FITZPATRICK** — ALABAMA — DB

The hybrid defender can step in as a starting safety and play nickel corner in sub packages.

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PICK NO. 8 — **TREMAINE EDMUNDS** — VIRGINIA TECH — LB

The ultra-athletic Edmunds would team with Leonard Floyd to give the Bears a devastating 1-2 punch off the edge.

PICK NO. 9 — **DERWIN JAMES** — FLORIDA ST. — S

The 49ers could use another pack leader on the defensive side of the ball. James is a Kam Chancellor-like enforcer between the hashes.

PICK NO. 10 — **ROQUAN SMITH** — GEORGIA — OLB

The Raiders need more speed and playmaking ability on the second level of their defense. Smith is a sideline-to-sideline defender with outstanding instincts and awareness.

PICK NO. 11 — **VITA VEA** — WASHINGTON — DT

After cutting Ndamukong Suh, the Dolphins could target the big, athletic interior defender as a suitable replacement.

PICK NO. 12 — **JOSH ALLEN** — WYOMING — QB

The Bills might have to climb into the top five to get their guy, but in this scenario, Allen falls to them outside of the top 10. The Wyoming standout flashes some Cam Newton-like playmaking skills as an athletic passer with A-plus arm talent. The Bills can use free-agent addition AJ McCarron as a bridge QB.

PICK NO. 13 — **MIKE HUGHES** — CENTRAL FLORIDA — CB

The loss of Kendall Fuller and potential departure of free-agent Bashaud Breeland is forcing the Redskins to explore the rookie CB market. Hughes is a standout performer with a set of tools that could allow him to develop into a lockdown CB1 as a pro.

PICK NO. 14 — **MARCUS DAVENPORT** — TEXAS-SAN ANTONIO — DE

Disruptive edge rushers with length, athleticism and sack production are always coveted at a premium. The Packers need to find another explosive sack artist to neutralize the quarterbacks in the NFC North.

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PICK NO. 15 **BAKER MAYFIELD** — OKLAHOMA — QB

New offensive coordinator Mike McCoy has tutored a diverse collection of quarterbacks in the league, including Jake Delhomme, Tim Tebow, Peyton Manning and Philip Rivers. He can certainly take Mayfield and build an offense around his skills as an energetic playmaker with pinpoint passing skills.

PICK NO. 16 **ORLANDO BROWN** — OKLAHOMA — OT

Despite a historically poor performance at the NFL Scouting Combine, Brown comes off the board as a first-round selection for his late father's former team as Ozzie Newsome values film study over workout numbers.

PICK NO. 17 **MIKE MCGLINCHEY** — NOTRE DAME — OT

Rock-solid offensive tackle prospect provides more protection for Philip Rivers on the right side.

PICK NO. 18 **ISAIAH WYNN** — GEORGIA — G

The Seahawks start their rebuilding efforts with an emphasis on improving a leaky offensive line. Wynn should be a 10-year starter as an interior blocker.

PICK NO. 19 **CALVIN RIDLEY** — ALABAMA — WR

The Cowboys need to find a No. 1 receiver with Dez Bryant's skills declining rapidly. Ridley is as polished as they come at the position. He's a clean route runner with strong hands and explosive running skills.

PICK NO. 20 **JAMES DANIELS** — IOWA — C

The ultra-athletic interior blocker would shore up the Lions' offensive line as a mobile pivot with sweet feet and a high football IQ.

PICK NO. 21 **WILL HERNANDEZ** — TEXAS-EL PASO — G

The Bengals are looking to become more of a power-running squad with Joe Mixon as the centerpiece. Hernandez is a furniture mover with the strength and explosiveness to maul defenders at the point of attack.

PICK NO. 22 — **RASHAAN EVANS** — ALABAMA — LB

The Bills need to find a rugged tackling machine to fill the void created by Preston Brown's departure.

PICK NO. 23 — **KOLTON MILLER** — UCLA — OT

After impressing scouts with his spectacular performance at the NFL Scouting Combine, Miller will pique the interest of teams looking for a developmental OT prospect in the back half of Round 1. Miller could back up Andrew Whitworth for a year or so before sliding into the starting lineup as a franchise tackle.

PICK NO. 24 — **SAM HUBBARD** — OHIO ST. — DE

The Ohio State product is an explosive pass rusher with an intriguing set of tools that could make him a perennial double-digit sack artist off the edge. With a year or so to learn some tips and tricks from Julius Peppers, Hubbard could be the Panthers' No. 1 rusher for the next decade.

PICK NO. 25 — **HAROLD LANDRY** — BOSTON COLLEGE — EDGE

The Titans desperately need a sack artist on the edge. Despite a disappointing final college season, Landry is a natural pass rusher with a knack for getting to the QB.

PICK NO. 26 — **DA'RON PAYNE** — ALABAMA — DT

The rugged interior defender with outstanding strength and power fills a void in the middle of the Dirty Birds' defense. Payne is a rock-solid run defender with pass-rushing skills.

PICK NO. 27 — **TAVEN BRYAN** — FLORIDA — DT

The Saints need to find a disruptive interior defender to complement Cameron Jordan along the front line. Bryan is an active DT with quick hands and slippery moves at the point of attack.

PICK NO. 28 — **LEIGHTON VANDER ESCH** — BOISE ST. — ILB

With Steelers GM Kevin Colbert announcing a few weeks ago that Ryan Shazier is out for the 2018 season, finding an active inside linebacker should be a top priority in the draft. Vander Esch is a long, rangy defender capable of dominating the game as a sideline-to-sideline defender.

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PICK NO. 29 **LAMAR JACKSON** LOUISVILLE QB

Despite inking Blake Bortles to a contract extension last month, the Jaguars could view Jackson as a developmental QB prospect capable of taking their offense to the next level down the road.

PICK NO. 30 **LORENZO CARTER** GEORGIA EDGE

The Vikings' brass could target Carter as an insurance policy against a potential Anthony Barr departure in free agency following the 2018 season.

PICK NO. 31 **CONNOR WILLIAMS** TEXAS OG

The loss of Nate Solder leaves a huge hole on the Patriots' front line. Williams could get a turn at left tackle or start on the right side (with Marcus Cannon moving over to the blind side).

PICK NO. 32 **DALLAS GOEDERT** SOUTH DAKOTA ST. TE

If the Eagles stick to their "BPA" philosophy (best player available), they could take the dynamic tight end to pair with Zach Ertz to create an explosive "12" personnel package.

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PICK NO. 1 — **SAQUON BARKLEY** — PENN ST. — RB

Yes, the consensus is Cleveland will take a QB here, but in the Browns' history, when they have been really good, they have been powered by runners: Marion Motley, Jim Brown, Ernie Davis (would have been a huge star if not for his passing at the age of 23), Leroy Kelly, Kevin Mack, Earnest Byner. Add the do-it-all dynamo from Penn State to the pantheon.

PICK NO. 2 — **JOSH ROSEN** — UCLA — QB

We're still on the lookout for a potential trade in this spot, with the Bills possibly looking to move in front of the Jets, but in the end, the Giants' brass decides to pick its future franchise QB. Rosen's self-confidence (and terrific right arm) are what's necessary in NYC. Trading Jason Pierre-Paul might lead to more of a discussion about taking Bradley Chubb here, but the Giants don't pass on their top QB.

PICK NO. 3 — **BAKER MAYFIELD** — OKLAHOMA — QB

It's Broadway Baker. The Jets should dispatch Broadway Joe Namath on draft night to welcome him to the organization, AND present him with a mink coat to match Namath's iconic garb.

PICK NO. 4 — **SAM DARNOLD** — USC — QB

The man that many have written in as the top selection for the Browns still lands in Cleveland. Of course, he will be strongly considered for each of the top three picks, but Browns owner Jimmy Haslam (who sat in the rain to watch Darnold's pro day at USC on Wednesday) gets a new face of the franchise in an unexpected way.

PICK NO. 5 — **MINKAH FITZPATRICK** — ALABAMA — DB

The Broncos' signing of QB Case Keenum opened up several options to consider at No. 5. Getting this multi-talented safety adds a playmaker to a very talented, and proud, defense.

PICK NO. 6 — **BRADLEY CHUBB** — N.C. STATE — DE

This selection fills a screaming need for the Colts, but a huge internal debate must be had: Do they pick Chubb or Notre Dame OG Quenton Nelson to protect Andrew Luck?!

PICK NO. 7 — **DERWIN JAMES** — FLORIDA ST. — S

In the NFC South, where every opponent likes to run the ball, James' ability to run and hit (with relish) will help greatly. Don't underestimate his ability to cover, too.

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PICK NO. 8 — **QUENTON NELSON** — NOTRE DAME — G

If you draft your franchise QB in 2017 (Mitchell Trubisky), you continue to surround him with weapons and protect him in 2018. The middle of the OL for the Bears will be formidable with Pro Bowl OG Kyle Long, talented C Cody Whitehair, and now Nelson, the best OL in this year's draft.

PICK NO. 9 — **DENZEL WARD** — OHIO ST. — CB

The Niners keep getting better. Veteran CB Richard Sherman's addition helps on the field, and he loves to tutor young DBs. Ward is the top cornerback in the draft.

PICK NO. 10 — **TREMAINE EDMUNDS** — VIRGINIA TECH — LB

Don't worry, Mr. Davis, Raiders GM Reggie McKenzie has not forgotten your mantras about speed, and selects a multi-dimensional 'backer who can run with TEs, RBs, and chase down QBs, too.

PICK NO. 11 — **VITA VEA** — WASHINGTON — DT

Ndamukong Suh might have left the building, but Vea will be an excellent replacement with his stoutness at the point of attack. With a non-stop motor, he'll get downfield to make plays, too.

PICK NO. 12 — **JOSH ALLEN** — WYOMING — QB

Free-agent addition AJ McCarron will take the ball first, but Allen's big frame, and arm, make him a great match for Buffalo winters. He also will play with a chip on his shoulder after being overlooked much of his career.

PICK NO. 13 — **ROQUAN SMITH** — GEORGIA — OLB

Nothing wrong with more speed being added on defense, and Smith fits the bill. He's often favorably compared to Atlanta MLB Deion Jones due to his build, and ability to play FAST.

PICK NO. 14 — **MARCUS DAVENPORT** — TEXAS-SAN ANTONIO — DE

Expect the Pack to do their homework on the top CBs, but with this raw, talented edge rusher still on the board, GM Brian Gutekunst opts for an elite pass rusher.

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PICK NO. 15 **CONNOR WILLIAMS** TEXAS OG

Agile, mobile, and most definitely hostile, Williams is exactly what the Birds need to improve the OL in front of new QB Sam Bradford.

PICK NO. 16 **CALVIN RIDLEY** ALABAMA WR

Ridley fills a big need to help take pressure off of RB Alex Collins and QB Joe Flacco.

PICK NO. 17 **LAMAR JACKSON** LOUISVILLE QB

The Chargers begin planning for life after Philip Rivers. In his previous job, head coach Anthony Lynn coordinated the offense in Buffalo for a QB with a similar skill set in Tyrod Taylor. Jackson is the more explosive, dynamic version.

PICK NO. 18 **WILL HERNANDEZ** TEXAS-EL PASO G

With the loss of DT Sheldon Richardson in free agency, and an obvious rebuild needed on that side of the ball, a pick to help the D makes sense. But, it also makes sense to do more to take care of the team's No. 1 asset, QB Russell Wilson.

PICK NO. 19 **MIKE HUGHES** CENTRAL FLORIDA CB

With a 4.53-second 40-yard dash, Hughes did not run as fast as expected at the NFL Scouting Combine (pro day is March 29), but he has tremendous ball skills, and big-play ability as a kick returner. The Cowboys need to cover some big-time playmakers on the perimeter in the NFC East.

PICK NO. 20 **DA'RON PAYNE** ALABAMA DT

Tough to move in the run game and has good pass-rush skills up the middle. He had enough agility to intercept a pass, and catch a TD pass in successive series in the national championship game. Lions need help in the defensive interior.

PICK NO. 21 **HAYDEN HURST** SOUTH CAROLINA TE

OL is a place that could use some shoring up, but QB Andy Dalton needs some more weapons, too, and this former minor league baseball player is an excellent catch/run threat.

PICK NO. 22 — **TAVEN BRYAN** — FLORIDA — DT

Bryan continues to receive some J.J. Watt comparisons. I'm not ready to go all in on those, but he's slippery to block, and plays all out each snap. DL Kyle Williams will appreciate his new teammate.

PICK NO. 23 — **RASHAAN EVANS** — ALABAMA — LB

The trade of Alec Ogletree to the Giants opens a spot for this gifted LB. Like so many of recent vintage from 'Bama, Evans runs well, and is well-versed in pro-style scheme, and reasoning. Plus, he makes an impact as soon as he arrives.

PICK NO. 24 — **JAIRE ALEXANDER** — LOUISVILLE — CB

Did not get to fully display his wares in 2017 due to injury, but he put on a show at the NFL Scouting combine. The Panthers are looking for a speedy WR, but Alexander also fills a big need opposite CB James Bradberry.

PICK NO. 25 — **HAROLD LANDRY** — BOSTON COLLEGE — EDGE

The Titans need to put more pressure on the QB. Landry's numbers were better in 2016 than they were in 2017, when he missed time due to injury, but new head coach Mike Vrabel's scheme fits his talents.

PICK NO. 26 — **ISAIAH WYNN** — GEORGIA — G

Wynn is a projection as he spent the bulk of his career at OT, but he had an excellent week at the Senior Bowl making the transition. QB Matt Ryan needs consistency from his guards so that he can step up in the pocket and deliver.

PICK NO. 27 — **CHRISTIAN KIRK** — TEXAS A&M — WR

Head coach Sean Payton can never have enough toys. After getting RB Alvin Kamara in 2017 to confound defenses, this flyer from College Station will help take pressure off WR1 Michael Thomas, and make a number of big plays downfield himself.

PICK NO. 28 — **LEIGHTON VANDER ESCH** — BOISE ST. — ILB

After signing Morgan Burnett to bolster the safety position, the Steelers turn their attention to linebacker, and find an instinctive one in Vander Esch.

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PICK NO. 29 **DALLAS GOEDERT** SOUTH DAKOTA ST. TE

After the release of Marcedes Lewis, the Jaguars pick a new target for QB Blake Bortles to give him some "easier" completions. Goedert is smooth, runs good routes, and possesses strong hands.

PICK NO. 30 **MIKE MCGLINCHEY** NOTRE DAME OT

The Vikings' OL made a huge jump in 2017, and with the addition of prized free-agent QB Kirk Cousins, they cannot afford any slippage. If the Vikes decide to keep converted OT Mike Remmers at OG, McGlinchey could easily compete to start at right tackle.

PICK NO. 31 **KOLTON MILLER** UCLA OT

The loss of starting LT Nate Solder to the Giants clears room for this athletically gifted youngster.

PICK NO. 32 **JOSH JACKSON** IOWA CB

Just a one-year starter, but what a year it was! Jackson led the FBS with 8 interceptions, displaying excellent instincts and ball skills. He struggled a bit at the NFL Scouting Combine, but he has good size and length to make plays on the ball late in routes.

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CHAD REUTER – NFL.com

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PICK NO. 1 — **SAM DARNOLD** — USC — QB

Cleveland's picked up all kinds of pieces in the free agent market, even a veteran quarterback in Tyrod Taylor to teach Darnold the ropes during the 2018 season. It will be Darnold's team after that, however.

PICK NO. 2 — **JOSH ROSEN** — UCLA — QB

Eli Manning is the Giants' quarterback in 2018. My guess is the team will move on after next season so their young star can lead the franchise for the next 12-15 years.

PICK NO. 3 — **JOSH ALLEN** — WYOMING — QB

The Giants got their man, and now the Jets land a QB, which is the reason they made the pre-draft deal with the Colts in the first place. The question is whether the team will prefer Allen's potential or Baker Mayfield's physical skills and leadership style.

PICK NO. 4 — **SAQUON BARKLEY** — PENN ST. — RB

GM John Dorsey gets his quarterback, as well as the top player in the draft in Barkley. Browns fans should be thrilled by this turn of events.

PICK NO. 5 — **BRADLEY CHUBB** — N.C. STATE — DE

The Broncos defense was at its best when Von Miller and DeMarcus Ware were terrorizing quarterbacks. Now Chubb will help Miller strike fear into passers in the AFC.

PICK NO. 6 — **BAKER MAYFIELD** — OKLAHOMA — QB

PROJECTED TRADE WITH COLTS. If Bradley Chubb isn't there for the Colts, GM Chris Ballard will be happy to move back again to gain a package of picks that would include, at minimum, a third-round pick in the 2018 draft (reflected below) and a 2019 first-rounder. Bills head coach Sean McDermott is hungry for a playmaker at the quarterback position, so a move up the board is definitely possible.

PICK NO. 7 — **DERWIN JAMES** — FLORIDA ST. — S

The back end of the Buccaneers' defense needs revamping; grabbing James is a good start.

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PICK NO. 8 — **QUENTON NELSON** — NOTRE DAME — G

Nelson deserves to go higher than this, and it wouldn't surprise me if Indianapolis or Tampa Bay make that call. But former Notre Dame OL coach Harry Hiestand would love to work with his star pupil again now that he's with the Bears.

PICK NO. 9 — **TREMAINE EDMUNDS** — VIRGINIA TECH — LB

Edmunds would not last this long in a typical draft, but when quarterbacks go early, even rangy, dynamic linebackers have to wait for a while.

PICK NO. 10 — **ROQUAN SMITH** — GEORGIA — OLB

If the Raiders want speed at the second level, they'll go for Smith.

PICK NO. 11 — **VITA VEA** — WASHINGTON — DT

The Dolphins released Ndamukong Suh, so they have a gaping hole in the middle of the defense. Vea fills the void.

PICK NO. 12 — **DENZEL WARD** — OHIO ST. — CB

PROJECTED TRADE WITH BILLS. The Colts need bodies at the corner spot alongside Quincy Wilson, and get the best cover man in the draft despite moving down twice.

PICK NO. 13 — **D.J. MOORE** — MARYLAND — WR

Alex Smith is coming to town, so finding him a reliable, quick, and strong-handed target like Moore makes all kinds of sense.

PICK NO. 14 — **MINKAH FITZPATRICK** — ALABAMA — DB

Malcolm Jenkins went 14th overall in the 2009 draft when teams weren't sure which position he would play in the secondary. The Packers could be the beneficiaries of similar thinking this year.

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PICK NO. 15 **LAMAR JACKSON** — LOUISVILLE — QB

Head coach Steve Wilks needs a leader and playmaker. The Sam Bradford signing takes pressure off Jackson to be great in 2018, but don't be surprised if Jackson flashes as a rookie.

PICK NO. 16 **MARCUS DAVENPORT** — TEXAS-SAN ANTONIO — DE

Davenport has the potential to become an excellent pass rusher for the Ravens, who will need help when Terrell Suggs retires or moves on to another team.

PICK NO. 17 **LEIGHTON VANDER ESCH** — BOISE ST. — ILB

With the top safeties off the board, the Chargers improve another part of their defense with the athletic and instinctive Vander Esch.

PICK NO. 18 **JOSH JACKSON** — IOWA — CB

Seattle decided to clean house on defense, including releasing Richard Sherman. Jackson has some big shoes to fill, but he has the skills and confidence to pull it off.

PICK NO. 19 **CALVIN RIDLEY** — ALABAMA — WR

It's easy to believe Ridley would be a welcomed addition to Dallas' passing game.

PICK NO. 20 **JAMES DANIELS** — IOWA — C

Finding a quality pivot is important for Matthew Stafford and the run game to operate efficiently.

PICK NO. 21 **CONNOR WILLIAMS** — TEXAS — OG

The Bengals continue to improve their offensive line by adding Williams to kick inside next to new left tackle Cordy Glenn.

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PICK NO. 22 **COURTLAND SUTTON** SMU WR

If the team is going to get a quarterback, he'll need receivers with whom he can connect in 2018 and beyond. Kelvin Benjamin is due to become a free agent after the 2018 season, so Sutton provides another big body in the receiving corps.

PICK NO. 23 **HAROLD LANDRY** BOSTON COLLEGE EDGE

Trading away Robert Quinn creates an opportunity for Landry to make an immediate impact, even if Connor Barwin is re-signed.

PICK NO. 24 **JOSH SWEAT** FLORIDA ST. EDGE

Julius Peppers is returning to Carolina, and Sweat will have a chance to soak up wisdom from him. Sweat hasn't yet reached his potential, but the sky's the limit.

PICK NO. 25 **LORENZO CARTER** GEORGIA EDGE

Carter is a fantastic athlete and a strong player. He'll learn from the veterans for a year and then take over a starting role in 2019.

PICK NO. 26 **DA'RON PAYNE** ALABAMA DT

Payne will wreak havoc in the middle on Sundays.

PICK NO. 27 **DALLAS GOEDERT** SOUTH DAKOTA ST. TE

Drew Brees didn't get Jimmy Graham back, but he'll like what he sees from Goedert.

PICK NO. 28 **JUSTIN REID** STANFORD S

Reid is a hard-hitting defender for the back end and will fill in quite well in Pittsburgh's defense.

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PICK NO.				
29		RASHAAN EVANS	ALABAMA	LB

Paul Posluszny retired after a distinguished career, so finding another starter in the middle makes sense.

PICK NO.				
30		MIKE GESICKI	PENN ST.	TE

New quarterback Kirk Cousins loves throwing to tight ends. Pairing Gesicki with Kyle Rudolph at TE should work well.

PICK NO.				
31		KOLTON MILLER	UCLA	OT

Replacing Nate Solder with another large, tall tackle seems a likely path for the Patriots.

PICK NO.				
32		MIKE MCGLINCHEY	NOTRE DAME	OT

The Eagles are looking to improve their offensive line, and McGlinchey will help.

2018 Mock Drafts

DANIEL JEREMIAH – NFL.com

Last updated: March 6, 2018 (prior to Jets-Colts trade)

PICK NO.				
1	SAM DARNOLD	USC	QB	
I know he chose not to throw at the combine, but Darnold is still the choice here.				
2	SAQUON BARKLEY	PENN ST.	RB	
A QB could be picked here, but Barkley is a rare talent.				
3	BRADLEY CHUBB	N.C. STATE	DE	
The Colts must address the pass rush.				
4	MINKAH FITZPATRICK	ALABAMA	DB	
I wouldn't be surprised if the Browns traded back instead of selecting here.				
5	JOSH ALLEN	WYOMING	QB	
If the Broncos fail to land Kirk Cousins, they could opt for a full rebuild.				
6	JOSH ROSEN	UCLA	QB	
Rosen would be a good centerpiece for the Jets' offense.				
7	DERWIN JAMES	FLORIDA ST.	S	
James is a special talent capable of starting at multiple positions.				
8	DENZEL WARD	OHIO ST.	CB	

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PICK NO. 9 — **QUENTON NELSON** — NOTRE DAME — G

The Niners opt for the best available player.

PICK NO. 10 — **JAIRE ALEXANDER** — LOUISVILLE — CB

Alexander is coming off a phenomenal combine performance and Oakland needs an upgrade in the secondary.

PICK NO. 11 — **ROQUAN SMITH** — GEORGIA — OLB

Smith is an outstanding player and arguably the best leader in the draft.

PICK NO. 12 — **TREMAINE EDMUNDS** — VIRGINIA TECH — LB

Edmunds is a freakish athlete and the Bengals need more difference makers on defense.

PICK NO. 13 — **MARCUS DAVENPORT** — TEXAS-SAN ANTONIO — DE

Davenport has solidified his spot as the No. 2 pass rusher in the draft behind Bradley Chubb.

PICK NO. 14 — **MIKE HUGHES** — CENTRAL FLORIDA — CB

The Packers have a need at cornerback and Hughes is excellent on tape.

PICK NO. 15 — **CONNOR WILLIAMS** — TEXAS — OG

Williams can play tackle or guard and the Cardinals need to improve up front to compete in the NFC West.

PICK NO. 16 — **BAKER MAYFIELD** — OKLAHOMA — QB

The Ravens should be in rebuild mode and that starts with a new signal-caller. Mayfield can sit behind Joe Flacco until he's ready to take over.

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PICK NO. 17 **VITA VEA** — WASHINGTON — DT

Vea is a top-10 talent and he would be too good for the Chargers to pass up.

PICK NO. 18 **WILL HERNANDEZ** — TEXAS-EL PASO — G

Hernandez is flying up the board after an outstanding Senior bowl and NFL Combine. He's a stud.

PICK NO. 19 **DA'RON PAYNE** — ALABAMA — DT

Payne showed off his athleticism at the combine and he'd be a good fit for the Cowboys.

PICK NO. 20 **TAVEN BRYAN** — FLORIDA — DT

Bryan can play any position on the defensive line and he'd be a fun toy for new head coach Matt Patricia.

PICK NO. 21 **RASHAAN EVANS** — ALABAMA — LB

Evans is an explosive, playmaking linebacker capable of covering backs and tight ends.

PICK NO. 22 **LAMAR JACKSON** — LOUISVILLE — QB

I wouldn't be surprised if the Bills packaged some picks to move up for one of the other quarterbacks, but if they sit still, I could see them building an offense around Jackson's skill set.

PICK NO. 23 **JOSH JACKSON** — IOWA — CB

Jackson will probably slide a little bit after a so-so combine performance, but his ball skills are outstanding on tape.

PICK NO. 24 **CALVIN RIDLEY** — ALABAMA — WR

The Panthers need to give Cam Newton more weapons and Ridley is a dynamic player.

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PICK NO. 25 — **JAMES DANIELS** — IOWA — C

Daniels has the ability to play all three interior OL spots and he's ready to play right away.

PICK NO. 26 — **JESSIE BATES** — WAKE FOREST — S

Bates is one of my favorite players in the draft. He's a true center fielder with tremendous upside.

PICK NO. 27 — **DALLAS GOEDERT** — SOUTH DAKOTA ST. — TE

Goedert would post monster numbers in the Saints' offense.

PICK NO. 28 — **LEIGHTON VANDER ESCH** — BOISE ST. — ILB

The Steelers love big, athletic linebackers and Vander Esch has the tools to match up with elite tight ends.

PICK NO. 29 — **HAYDEN HURST** — SOUTH CAROLINA — TE

Hurst, who'll turn 25 before the start of the 2018 season, is a little older than you'd like, but he has Pro Bowl potential and I love the physicality/toughness he brings to the table.

PICK NO. 30 — **BILLY PRICE** — OHIO ST. — C

Price reunites with college teammate Pat Elflein and slides right in at guard. He can play all three interior spots.

PICK NO. 31 — **HAROLD LANDRY** — BOSTON COLLEGE — EDGE

Landry is a gifted edge rusher and that is an area the Patriots need to address.

PICK NO. 32 — **ISAIAH OLIVER** — COLORADO — CB

The Eagles have the luxury of simply taking the best player available, and Oliver would be a perfect scheme fit.

2018 Mock Drafts

PETE PRISCO – CBSSports.com

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1. Cleveland Browns

Sam Darnold, QB, USC

They need to land a quarterback for the future who can learn behind Tyrod Taylor for a year. They opt for Darnold.

2. New York Giants

Bradley Chubb, DE, NC State

You can never have enough pass rushers as the Giants learned when they beat the Patriots twice in the Super Bowl. And now after dealing Jason Pierre-Paul to the Buccaneers on Thursday there's even more of a need.

3. New York Jets (from Indianapolis)

Josh Rosen, QB, UCLA

They moved up for a reason, which is to land a franchise quarterback. They decide to take Rosen over Baker Mayfield and Josh Allen.

4. Cleveland Browns (from Houston)

Saquon Barkley, RB, Penn State

They get their quarterback and then come back and take the player some consider to be the best in the draft. I wouldn't do it, but I would understand if they did.

5. Denver Broncos

Quenton Nelson, G, Notre Dame

They pass on a quarterback and take the player who might be the cleanest in this draft. He will be one of the best guards in the league for a long time.

6. Arizona Cardinals (via mock trade with Colts)

Josh Allen, QB, Wyoming

After the Colts traded down to this spot with the Jets, they trade down again with Arizona, who badly wants a young passer. The Cards move up from the 15th spot.

7. Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Minkah Fitzpatrick, CB-S, Alabama

The Bucs need help at both safety and corner, and Fitzpatrick could help at either spot. He has a chance to be a dominant free safety.

8. Chicago Bears

Tremaine Edmunds, LB, Virginia Tech

He can play inside or outside and would give the Bears a nice young playmaker on their defense.

9. San Francisco 49ers

Derwin James, S, Florida State

They need a playmaker on the back end. With Eric Reid gone, James would step in and start.

10. Oakland Raiders

Roquan Smith, LB, Georgia

He can run and they need more of that on their defense. He could play in the middle for them and keep Tahir Whitehead outside.

11. Miami Dolphins

Vita Vea, DT, Washington

With Ndamukong Suh let go, they need to get a power player inside. Vea is that and he can push the pocket.

12. Buffalo Bills (from Cincinnati)

Baker Mayfield, QB, Oklahoma.

They traded up to this spot likely hoping one of the quarterbacks would fall, and in this scenario that guy is Mayfield.

13. Washington Redskins

Denzel Ward, CB, Ohio State

They need to get another corner even after adding Orlando Scandrick from the Cowboys. Ward could come in and compete to start right away.

14. Green Bay Packers

Marcus Davenport, OLB, UTSA

Davenport is a raw player who could end up being a really good pass rusher. It's risky, but they need help there and he's the best left on the board here.

15. Indianapolis Colts (via mock trade with Cardinals)

Josh Jackson, CB, Iowa

Their cornerback situation isn't good, so they need to use a few picks on the spot, and Jackson is a player whose best football might be in front of him.

16. Baltimore Ravens

Dallas Goedert, TE, South Dakota State

They added some receiver help in free agency, but they need a pass-catching tight end in the worst way. Goedert is exactly that.

17. Los Angeles Chargers

Rashaan Evans, LB, Alabama

They need to get better inside against the run and Evans is that type of player.

18. Seattle Seahawks

Mike Hughes, CB, UCF

With Richard Sherman and DeShawn Shead both gone, they need help at the all-important corner spot. Hughes was outstanding last year.

19. Dallas Cowboys

Calvin Ridley, WR, Alabama

They have to get more speed in their passing game. Ridley is that type of player.

20. Detroit Lions

Da'ron Payne, DT, Alabama

They need to get another power player inside in their defense. They could also go for a pass rusher here, but Payne would be better value.

21. Cincinnati Bengals (from Buffalo)

James Daniels, C, Iowa

After picking up Cordy Glenn from the Bills to play left tackle, they need to get a center. Daniels is that guy.

22. Buffalo Bills (from Kansas City)

D.J. Moore, WR, Maryland

Moore is a player who will be drafted higher than many expect. He had a really nice combine that impressed a lot of personnel people.

23. Los Angeles Rams

Harold Landry, DE, Boston College

With Robert Quinn traded away, they lack an outside edge rusher. Two years ago, Landry was dominant in that role.

24. Carolina Panthers

Will Hernandez, G, UTEP

They lost Andrew Norwell to the Jaguars, so they take a power player to take his place.

25. Tennessee Titans

Leighton Vander Esch, LB, Boise State

They lost Avery Williamson in free agency, so getting a replacement would be nice. Vander Esch really came on in 2017.

26. Atlanta Falcons

Taven Bryan, DT, Florida

They lost Dontari Poe in free agency, so they need to add a player next to Grady Jarrett. Bryan isn't the same type of player that Poe is, but he would be a nice addition to the defense.

27. New Orleans Saints

Hayden Hurst, TE, South Carolina

After nosing around Jimmy Graham in free agency, they missed out so they take the player who might be the best all-round tight end in the class.

28. Pittsburgh Steelers

Donte Jackson, CB, LSU

They have some young corners, but you can never have enough. And this kid can fly.

29. Jacksonville Jaguars

Lamar Jackson, QB, Louisville

They filled a lot of needs in free agency, so they can take a shot on a potential quarterback of the future – and maybe sooner.

30. Minnesota Vikings

Mike McGlinchey, T, Notre Dame

They need to find an upgrade at right tackle if Mike Remmers is going to stay at guard. McClinchey could play the right side after being a left tackle in college.

31. New England Patriots

Kolton Miller, T, UCLA

They lost Nate Solder to the Giants, and there is little behind him if Antonio Garcia isn't back all the way. Miller could step in and be a rookie starter.

32. Philadelphia Eagles

Orlando Brown, T, Oklahoma

They can afford to take a player who can sit for a year or two. Once Brown gets with an NFL strength coach, he will develop into a long-time starter.

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SAM FARMER – LA TIMES

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1. Cleveland Browns

Sam Darnold, QB, USC

It was serendipity that it rained during Darnold's pro day. The Browns got to see him handle wet weather in stride.

2. Buffalo Bills (proposed trade with New York Giants)

Josh Allen, QB, Wyoming

Bills have two picks in the first round, maybe enough ammunition to sneak ahead of the Jets to grab the draft's strongest arm.

3. New York Jets (from Indianapolis Colts)

Josh Rosen, QB, UCLA

Rosen is the most polished quarterback in this draft. Jets probably would be happy with any of these top three.

4. Arizona Cardinals (proposed trade with Cleveland Browns (from Houston Texans))

Baker Mayfield, QB, Oklahoma

The Cardinals haven't taken a quarterback earlier than the fourth round since using the 10th pick on Matt Leinart in 2006. But now is not the time to stand on tradition.

5. Denver Broncos

Saquon Barkley, RB, Penn State

Barkley's the best athlete in this draft, and would immediately upgrade the Denver offense. The Broncos need a QB, but if the top four are gone ….

6. New York Jets

Bradley Chubb, DE, NC State

Even though the Colts need protection for Andrew Luck, it's too tempting here to snag the draft's top defensive talent.

7. Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Quenton Nelson, G, Notre Dame

Taking a guard this early sounds imprudent, but Nelson is that highly regarded. The Buccaneers' most pressing need is for a pass rusher.

8. Chicago Bears

Minkah Fitzpatrick, DB, Alabama

There doesn't look to be a receiver worthy of a top-10 pick, at least not at this point. The Bears could use a shutdown corner.

9. San Francisco 49ers

Tremaine Edmunds, LB, Virginia Tech

The 6-foot-5 Edmunds is freakishly athletic, versatile enough to play multiple positions in that defense, and is only 19.

10. Oakland Raiders

Vita Vea, DT, Washington

The Raiders need to fortify the middle of their defense. The secondary is hurting, too, but Raiders have used a top pick on a DB in three of five years and where has it gotten them?

11. Miami Dolphins

***Derwin James, S, Florida State**

The Dolphins, who have sledgehammer safeties in Reshad Jones and T.J. McDonald, could use a burner like James who has the speed to blanket not just tight ends but receivers.

12. New York Giants (proposed trade with Buffalo Bills (from Cincinnati Bengals))

Kolton Miller, OT, UCLA

GM Dave Gettleman tends to build his teams from the lines out, and protection for Eli Manning makes sense here if the Giants bail out of the No. 2 pick.

13. Washington Redskins

Roquan Smith, ILB, Georgia

Smith is sort of Alec Ogletree 2.0, and would be a good fit for the Redskins, even though they re-signed linebackers Mason Foster and Zach Brown.

14. Green Bay Packers

Harold Landry, OLB, Boston College

The Packers need an edge rusher. They need help in the secondary, too, but they've used their top pick on a DB in three of the past four drafts and the results have been disappointing.

15. Cleveland Browns (proposed trade with Arizona Cardinals)

Denzel Ward, CB, Ohio State

If the Browns bail out of Minkah Fitzpatrick territory, they could still get a quality corner in Ward, who's 5-11 and can run a scorching 4.3-second 40 at the pre-draft scouting combine.

16. Baltimore Ravens

Connor Williams, OT, Texas

The Ravens need to give Joe Flacco help, likely in the form of a playmaking receiver and/or tight end. They need to give him more help up front, though, too.

17. Los Angeles Chargers

Mike McGlinchey, OT, Notre Dame

Matt Ryan's cousin figures to be a reliable choice, wherever he lands. Chargers could also search for an heir apparent to expensive DT Corey Liuget, suspended for the first four games.

18. Seattle Seahawks

Derrius Guice, RB, Louisiana State

Russell Wilson can't carry the offense on his own. The Seahawks need to establish a running game, and Guice is a good-sized back with the speed of a smaller one.

19. Dallas Cowboys

Calvin Ridley, WR, Alabama

The Cowboys are looking for more weapons for Dak Prescott, and Ridley could help create more opportunities for Dez Bryant.

20. Detroit Lions

Da'Ron Payne, DT, Alabama

In Detroit, Payne could be reunited with college teammate A'Shawn Robinson and position coach Bo Davis, with the Lions looking to put their spin on a Nick Saban front.

21. Cincinnati Bengals (from Buffalo Bills)

Jaire Alexander, CB, Louisville

Alexander, who was slowed by injuries last season, has seen his draft stock rising in recent weeks. The Bengals put him through a private workout after the combine.

22. New York Giants (proposed trade with Buffalo Bills (from Kansas City Chiefs))

Taven Bryan, DT, Florida

In this mock, Gettleman addressed the offensive line with the team's first pick and now fortifies the defensive line, where good Giants teams have thrived.

23. Los Angeles Rams

James Daniels, C/OG, Iowa

Seeing as the Rams have done so much on defense with free agency and trades, now it's time to turn to the offensive line and eventual replacements for center John Sullivan and tackle Andrew Whitworth.

24. Carolina Panthers

Marcus Davenport, DE, UT San Antonio

Charles Johnson is gone and Julius Peppers is in the twilight of his career. Time for the Panthers to give their defensive front a youth infusion.

25. Tennessee Titans

Leighton Vander Esch, OLB, Boise State

Vander Esch, the Mountain West defensive player of the year, is somewhat reminiscent of Mike Vrabel, the Titans' first-year coach. Vander Esch would fill a position of need for Tennessee.

26. New England Patriots (proposed trade with Atlanta Falcons)

Mason Rudolph, QB, Oklahoma State

The Patriots need someone to play that Jimmy Garoppolo role behind Tom Brady, who turns 41 this year. Here, the Patriots leapfrog ahead of New Orleans and Pittsburgh, both in need of QB understudies, to get Rudolph.

27. New Orleans Saints

Hayden Hurst, TE, South Carolina

Coby Fleener has struggled with concussions, and the Saints need a long-term answer at tight end. Could the versatile Hurst wind up being their next Jimmy Graham?

28. Pittsburgh Steelers

Josh Jackson, CB, Iowa

Jackson made the most of his 14 career starts at Iowa, and returned two interceptions for touchdowns last season. The Steelers need help in the secondary.

29. Jacksonville Jaguars

Dallas Goedert, TE, South Dakota Stat

With Marcedes Lewis in the fourth quarter of his illustrious career, the Jaguars need a tight end who can be a receiving threat for years to come. Don't rule out Jacksonville going QB here, either.

30. Minnesota Vikings

Orlando Brown, OT, Oklahoma

The Vikings were vastly improved on the offensive line last season, but they still need to beef up there so they have the flexibility to move linemen into their best spots.

31. New England Patriots

Isaiah Wynn, OG, Georgia

Wynn wouldn't have to move too far to join the Falcons, and he'd be filling a big area of need.

32. Philadelphia Eagles

Rashaan Evans, LB, Alabama

The Eagles re-signed Nigel Bradham, but fellow linebacker Jordan Hicks has had two serious injuries in three years. The Super Bowl champions need to stock up on talent at linebacker.

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1. Cleveland Browns

Sam Darnold, QB, USC

The Browns traded for Tyrod Taylor as their best stopgap in years, but the team also will go after its long-term franchise solution in advance of Taylor becoming a 29-year-old free agent in 2019. Although Darnold has his flaws like every talented QB in this rich class, he's the most well-rounded prospect at the position with his arm, accuracy and athleticism.

2. New York Giants

Bradley Chubb, DE, N.C. State

The Giants should be listening to all trade offers from teams that want to jump the Jets to get their preferred QB, but in the wake of the Jason Pierre-Paul trade, their pass rush becomes even more of a glaring weakness. Chubb would thrive in New York's new defense as a sack artist with a variety of moves; the next Chandler Jones for coordinator James Bettcher.

3. New York Jets (from Indianapolis Colts)

Josh Rosen, QB, UCLA

The Jets' move to No. 3 cost them a lot, so let's hope they feel good about the quarterback they want to get. Rosen proved at the Combine he can be the face of a big-market franchise to go along with his immense potential as a pocket passer.

4. Cleveland Browns (from Houston Texans)

Minkah Fitzpatrick, DB, Alabama

Saquon Barkley will be tempting, but with Carlos Hyde and Duke Johnson Jr. in the fold, the Browns should think more about continuing their overhaul of the defensive backfield, instead. Jamar Taylor is a rising young corner, but free-agent addition T.J. Carrie is better suited for the slot, Damarious Randall is tabbed for safety and Terrance Mitchell is a depth player. Fitzpatrick can start anywhere in the secondary and make plays from Day 1.

5. Denver Broncos

Saquon Barkley, RB, Penn State

The Broncos will think about quarterback, for sure, but Barkley would fill their more pressing offensive skill need and would be the best player available. Should a team such the Bills or Cardinals trade up ahead of them to draft Josh Allen, the Broncos won't force the issue with Baker Mayfield. Allen's availability would make things more tempting, but Barkley is the more logical choice as a player can help John Elway's team win now with Case Keenum getting a lot of money to start at QB the next two years.

6. Indianapolis Colts (from New York Jets)

Quenton Nelson, G/OT, Notre Dame

The Colts knew the risk of trading back from No. 3 would be losing out on both Chubb and Barkley. Good thing they can stay in-state and look to South Bend for a stud at a position of need. It doesn't matter whether Nelson plays inside or outside — the Colts could use his athletic, mauling presence to boost both the running game and the Andrew Luck-led passing game.

7. Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Denzel Ward, CB, Ohio State

The Bucs went to work on their defensive line via free agency and trades (JPP, Vinny Curry, Beau Allen and Mitch Unrein), and they also got a much-needed rock for the middle of their offensive line (Ryan Jensen). But Tampa Bay's secondary still needs to be addressed after the re-signing of Brent Grimes for one year. Ward has shutdown potential as the best pure cover man in the draft, and he would represent the best player available, too.

8. Chicago Bears

Trumaine Edmunds, LB, Virginia Tech

The Bears were wise to keep Vic Fangio as defensive coordinator and retain starting cornerbacks Prince Amukamara and Kyle Fuller. But at the second level of their base 3-4, they could use a dynamic, versatile playmaker who can thrive inside or outside. Fangio, formerly of San Francisco, can get his Patrick Willis/NaVorro Bowman-type here.

9. San Francisco 49ers

Derwin James, S, Florida State

Speaking of San Francisco, Robert Saleh, its defensive coordinator formerly of Seattle, can get his Earl Thomas-type here for the secondary. Richard Sherman and Akhello Witherspoon will hold down the corners, and Jacquiski Tartt has a bright future at one safety spot. James would allow Sherman to shepherd a sequel to the Legion of Boom for the Seahawks' biggest rivals.

10. Oakland Raiders

Roquan Smith, OLB, Georgia

The Raiders have been busy upgrading their defensive back seven with top free agents in linebacker Tahir Whitehead and cornerback Rashaan Melvin. Now defensive coordinator Paul Guenther, formerly of Cincinnati, can go after someone to flank Whitehead and Bruce Irvin on the weak side. Strictly playing-style speaking, Smith is a ferocious, relentless pursuit player in the vein of the Bengals' Vontaze Burfict.

11. Miami Dolphins

Vita Vea, DT, Washington

The Dolphins could go in many directions defensively, but the release of Ndamukong Suh makes tackle a monster need and lines up perfectly with Vea's value. He's an explosive player who can be a fixture in Miami's line rotation for years.

12. Buffalo Bills (from Bengals)

Baker Mayfield, QB, Oklahoma

The Bills paying AJ McCarron backup-type money and trading into this spot while also holding the No. 22 overall pick suggests they are making a strong play for franchise quarterback early, either by trading up again or staying put. Brandon Beane and Sean McDermott from their days in Carolina should be well aware of how far a defense, a running game and a dual-threat QB can take a team. Mayfield has the "it" factor to finally give Buffalo a long-term solution.

13. Washington Redskins

James Daniels, C/G, Iowa

The Redskins' interior line took a hit with Spencer Long leaving in free agency (Jets), and guard Shawn Lauvao is unsigned. They should think defense with this pick if the player is right (Smith or Vea), but Daniels would be a fine player to line up in front of Alex Smith and also upgrade the run-blocking.

14. Green Bay Packers

Harold Landry, OLB, Boston College

The Packers must revamp their edge pass rush as they flip their base 3-4 defense to Mike Pettine's watch. Either Landry or Marcus Davenport makes sense for their scheme as freakish athletes who can wreak havoc in the backfield.

15. Arizona Cardinals

Josh Allen, QB, Wyoming

The Cardinals are a team to watch to make a move for a QB in the top five, but with the way things have shaken out in this mock, we still can attach them to Allen at No. 15. Sam Bradford and Mike Glennon were signed in free agency, but neither can be trusted as a solution beyond 2018. Allen needs a little time to hone his accuracy and mechanics to match his arm and athleticism. Arizona's situation allows for that.

16. Baltimore Ravens

Marcus Davenport, OLB, Texas-San Antonio

The Ravens will be thinking about wide receiver and offensive line with this pick, but like the Packers, they could use some rebooting in their 3-4 with Wink Martindale taking over the scheme and Terrell Suggs turning 36 in October. Davenport can turn into a Suggs-like dynamo while learning from the veteran in a situational role at first.

17. LA Chargers

Da'Ron Payne, DT, Alabama

The Chargers are nasty on the edges with Joey Bosa and Melvin Ingram, but they could use more explosiveness inside to round out what has the makings of an elite defense in 2018. Payne has Bosa-like short-area speed and can add to opponents' backfield nightmares.

18. Seattle Seahawks

Mike McGlinchey, OT, Notre Dame

The Seahawks, even with all the changes to their defense, still need plenty of offensive line help as even more of the burden falls on Russell Wilson. McGlinchey dominated with Nelson in South Bend and would immediately become a rock of a right tackle in Seattle opposite Duane Brown. That would allow Germain Ifedi to slide back to guard, his better position.

19. Dallas Cowboys

Calvin Ridley, WR, Alabama

The Cowboys are keeping Dez Bryant, but they are lacking a true outside No. 2 who can do everything as a good-hands possession receiver. Ridley would be an upgrade over Terrance Williams and give Dak Prescott a new go-to guy.

20. Detroit Lions

Derrius Guice, RB, LSU

The Lions have vowed to field a more legitimate running game in 2018. That should also mean they're thinking about another offensive line upgrade with this pick, but it would not be shocking if Guice were to be selected this high. He would allow Detroit to officially give up on Ameer Abdullah and would be the workhorse ahead of new veteran backup LeGarrette Blount and pass-catching Theo Riddick.

21. Cincinnati Bengals (from Buffalo Bills)

Connor Williams, G/OT Texas

The Bengals last year paid the price after letting both Andrew Whitworth and Kevin Zeiter walk in free agency. The offensive line needs to be addressed further after the addition of Cordy Glenn for left tackle. Williams is viewed more as an inside blocker and could start right away at either guard spot.

22. Buffalo Bills (from Kansas City Chiefs)

Leighton Vander Esch, ILB, Boise State

The Bills can continue their Panthers copycatting with this pick after getting their Heisman-winning QB earlier in the draft. McDermott needs someone to fly to the ball in the Luke Kuechly/Thomas Davis vein, as Lorenzo Alexander, who turns 35 in May, is their best linebacker.

23. LA Rams

Arden Key, OLB, LSU

The Rams also would love to have Landry or Davenport as a 3-4 pass-rusher under Wade Phillips after moving on from Robert Quinn. But Key, who didn't have a chance to add buzz at the Combine, can't be forgotten as another potentially elite edge rusher in this class. With all of the Rams' investment in the secondary, it's critical to complement the back end with more pressure up front.

24. Carolina Panthers

Isaiah Wynn, G, Georgia

The Panthers also have an immediate need at cornerback following the Daryl Worley trade and the Bashaud Breeland free-agency fail. But Wynn and/or UTEP's Will Hernandez need to be play with this pick as potential replacements for left guard Andrew Norwell, who left for the Jaguars. Wynn is the better overall prospect.

25. Tennessee Titans

Sam Hubbard, DE/OLB, Ohio State

The Titans were busy in NFL free agency, adding running back Dion Lewis and cornerback Malcolm Butler. As yet another team handing its base 3-4 defense over to a new coordinator in Dean Pees, Tennessee with this pick has a chance to pile on the pass rush behind Derrick Morgan (29) and Brian Orakpo (31), both of whom become free agents in 2019. Hubbard has a nose for the QB no matter how he's aligned.

26. Atlanta Falcons

Taven Bryan, DT/DE, Florida

Dontari Poe is gone, and Athyba Rubin and Courtney Upshaw are not under contract, either, so the Falcons need a versatile, explosive option for their defensive line rotation to support tackle Grady Jarrett. Payne is the best fit for Atlanta should he slip this far, but Bryan would be a nice consolation prize.

27. New Orleans Saints

Hayden Hurst, TE, South Carolina

The Saints did not bring back Jimmy Graham in free agency, and because all their moves indicate they're doing everything they can to win another Super Bowl before Drew Brees retires, they should be interested in Hurst's services as a complete pass-catcher. He gets the slight nod for New Orleans' scheme over another athletic tight end prospect (see three picks later).

28. Pittsburgh Steelers

Rashaan Evans, LB, Alabama

The Steelers already put some of their Ryan Shazier fallback plan in place by signing former Colts and Bears inside linebacker Jon Bostic, but Evans would be a tremendous fit for their system. Like Shazier, Evans is a natural leader and a stat-sheet stuffer.

29. Jacksonville Jaguars

Lamar Jackson, QB, Louisville

You can't spell Jacksonville without Jackson — not in this mock draft, at least. The Jaguars extended Blake Bortles, but even with the notable investment, he's signed through only 2020. Unless Jackson lands with an offense catered to his running ability in which he could start as a rookie, he will be best off in a developmental situation like this — a team that has the NFL's top rushing attack and an established West Coast passing game.

30. Minnesota Vikings

Dallas Goedert, TE, South Dakota State

Kyle Rudolph continues to produce and has two years left on his contract, but he also is coming off ankle surgery and turns 29 in November. Minnesota lacks another athletic pass-catching option behind him, and new offensive coordinator John DeFilippo saw what the Zach Ertz-Trey Burton combination did for Philadelphia last season. Kirk Cousins already is loaded with targets on his new team, but in Washington, he thrived most when two tight ends (Jordan Reed and Vernon Davis) were key threats.

31. New England Patriots

Kolton Miller, OT, UCLA

The Patriots look good at four offensive line positions, but they currently have no good ways to replace left tackle Nate Solder at the most important position. They used a first-rounder on Solder as Matt Light's replacement seven years ago. Based on where they are picking in 2018, Miller is a viable solution.

32. Philadelphia Eagles

D.J. Moore, WR, Maryland

Moore has been getting more buzz as a first-round pick, and there's a chance his stock rises even higher. Moore could help Philadelphia replace Torrey Smith with his ability to make big plays both before and after the catch.

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1. Browns

Sam Darnold, QB, USC

Don't be swayed by Hue Jackson's declaration that Tyrod Taylor is his 2018 starter. In reality, the ex-Bills passer is at best a bridge and shouldn't dissuade the team from taking a quarterback here. While Saquon Barkley should warrant serious consideration, waiting to take a franchise QB until the fourth pick (or later) is a dangerous game given how many other clubs look ready to pounce. With Darnold, Cleveland could finally secure its long-needed centerpiece.

2. Giants

Saquon Barkley, RB, Penn State

The Jets' trade set the G-Men up to take home a potential king's ransom if they can find their own QB-hungry trade partner. But if Barkley's on the board, this might be a no-brainer for new GM Dave Gettleman. Barkley is poised to become the highest running back drafted since Reggie Bush went No. 2 in 2006, and with good reason. Capable of reshaping an offense, the do-everything back might be just what first-year coach Pat Shurmur needs to launch his attack. Yet if Darnold is available, New York needs to at least listen to trade offers — as well as consider taking him as Eli Manning's potential successor.

3. Jets (from Colts)

Josh Allen, QB, Wyoming

GM Mike Maccagnan swung the deal to move up after attending pro days for Baker Mayfield and Josh Rosen, but the timing likely isn't indicative of his intent. Though taking Allen might be seen as Maccagnan failing to learn from the Christian Hackenberg debacle, the raw but strong-armed passer would represent the high-upside investment of the trade. Allen still needs to sort out accuracy, touch and decision-making issues that limited him to a 56% completion rate in college, but he could sit behind Josh McCown or Teddy Bridgewater as he develops.

4. Browns (from Texans)

Denzel Ward, CB, Ohio State

An all-QB top three might be the Browns' dream, as it would pave the way for them to grab the signal-caller of their choice and then get Barkley here. In lieu of that, a defensive prospect seems like the natural fit at this slot. A true No. 1 outside corner is Cleveland's top need, and homegrown Ward might be best equipped to address that role. His all-around athleticism and ball skills would immediately boost a defense that was systematically sliced for a league-worst 68.6% completion rate and recorded just seven interceptions.

5. Broncos

Josh Rosen, QB, UCLA

John Elway touted new signee Case Keenum as "our guy" last week, but that didn't stop him from delaying the veteran's introduction while he and the rest of Denver's cavalry attended pro days for Mayfield and Rosen. Even with Keenum on board, Elway looks poised to make good on his combine pledge to keep swinging at the position. Rosen is the most polished and technically sound of this year's passers and could finally break Denver's cycle of uncertainty behind center.

6. Colts (from Jets)

Bradley Chubb, DE, North Carolina State

Trading back three spots telegraphed GM Chris Ballard's commitment to taking a long-term approach to Indianapolis' rebuild after spending free agency mostly on the sidelines. Chubb is the pre-eminent pass rusher in this class and would lift a defense that ranked 31st with just 25 sacks last season.

7. Buccaneers

Minkah Fitzpatrick, DB, Alabama

Tampa Bay's defense is still short on pass rushing talent even after adding DE Vinny Curry, but a shortage of options beyond Chubb might make the Buccaneers look to their secondary instead. Though Fitzpatrick likely will play primarily at safety, he's a versatile piece who could also be utilized in the slot or to match up with tight ends.

8. Bears

Quenton Nelson, G, Notre Dame

Chicago's offseason has been all about aiding second-year QB Mitchell Trubisky, with WRs Allen Robinson and Taylor Gabriel and TE Trey Burton providing a much-improved arsenal of targets. Nelson would continue that theme. He could open big holes for RBs Jordan Howard and Tarik Cohen as a replacement for Josh Sitton.

9. 49ers

Roquan Smith, LB, Georgia

Still in need of a talent upgrade at almost every level, San Francisco's defense could also use someone to set the right example for a young unit. Smith's leadership would provide the right tone, though his greatest immediate value would be his relentless style and range against the pass and run.

10. Raiders

Tremaine Edmunds, LB, Virginia Tech

The 6-5, 253-pounder is the kind of singular physical prospect that Al Davis would have coveted. Oakland needs all the defensive help it can find, and Edmunds brings a rare physical makeup, albeit one kept in check by instincts that are still under development.

11. Dolphins

Vita Vea, DT, Washington

The release of Ndamukong Suh leaves a massive hole in the middle of Miami's defense. Enter Vea, a 6-4, 347-pound punisher who will command double teams and stonewall opposing running backs.

12. Bills (from Bengals)

Baker Mayfield, QB, Oklahoma

GM Brandon Beane claimed Buffalo might not move up farther or draft a quarterback despite trading up to No. 12, but it feels as though he's bluffing with his cards facing outward to the rest of the table. Even if the Jets' jump has made such a maneuver more difficult, the Bills look like a team ready to make a similar all-in push for a passer — especially if it becomes apparent Mayfield won't last this long. Buffalo badly needs someone to create for an attack lacking weapons outside of aging RB LeSean McCoy.

13. Redskins

Derwin James, S, Florida State

He predicted at the combine that some team will take him in the top 10 and might not be off base. Washington would be wise to scoop up the versatile defensive back if he lasts this long as James boasts impressively well-rounded athleticism befitting his outsized swagger.

14. Packers

Mike Hughes, CB, Central Florida

An unsuccessful bid to pry Kyle Fuller from the rival Bears highlighted Green Bay's desire to repair a precarious outlook at cornerback. At 5-11, 191, Hughes just barely clears the minimum size requirements the Packers have typically demanded at the position, but he thrives with a physical approach.

15. Cardinals

Lamar Jackson, QB, Louisville

Signing QBs Sam Bradford and Mike Glennon makes for a tenuous outlook in Arizona. While Jackson might need time to address his erratic ball placement, the long-term payoff of a backfield featuring the Heisman Trophy winner and David Johnson might be too tantalizing to pass up.

16. Ravens

Calvin Ridley, WR, Alabama

Michael Crabtree's signing aside, Baltimore's receiving corps is still in shambles. Ridley would provide QB Joe Flacco an immediate deep threat who's also capable of creating separation with his fine-tuned route running.

17. Chargers

Da'Ron Payne, DT, Alabama

The Bolts largely stood pat in free agency, which spells trouble for a run defense that gave up a league-worst 4.9 yards a carry last season. Payne creates a serious push in the middle and would be an upgrade over DT Brandon Mebane, who's in decline.

18. Seahawks

Marcus Davenport, DE, Texas-San Antonio

Pete Carroll's defense is officially in rebuild mode after casting off CB Richard Sherman and DE Michael Bennett. Davenport (6-6, 264 pounds) offers long-term upside for a D-line that also lost Sheldon Richardson.

19. Cowboys

DJ Moore, WR, Maryland

A failed pursuit of Sammy Watkins, per multiple reports, reflects an uneasiness with Dak Prescott's weapons — though it seems WR Dez Bryant will return. A dynamic threat after the catch, Moore could make life easier for the third-year quarterback as a trusted short-area target.

20. Lions

Taven Bryan, DT, Florida

Matt Patricia knows the pains of trying to cobble together a pass rush after his last two years with the Patriots, and DE Ziggy Ansah alone won't suffice in Detroit. Bryan can create havoc all along the line, though he's still learning to tap into his considerable athletic gifts.

21. Bengals (from Bills)

Will Hernandez, G, Texas-El Paso

Cincinnati seems intent on kick-starting the running game for Joe Mixon. Hernandez (6-2, 348) is one of the draft's best at opening holes.

22. Bills (from Chiefs)

Connor Williams, OT, Texas

Losing T Cordy Glenn and C Eric Wood leaves plenty of uncertainty up front for Buffalo. Williams could either step in at left tackle or kick inside to guard.

23. Rams

Leighton Vander Esch, LB, Boise State

GM Les Snead hasn't been shy in remaking his defense, orchestrating four trades to bring on two starters and send out two more. A replacement is still needed for LB Alec Ogletree, however, and the rangy and athletic Vander Esch could ably step into that role.

24. Panthers

Jaire Alexander, CB, Louisville

Bashaud Breeland's failed physical leaves Carolina with a vacancy at corner opposite starter James Bradberry. After showing his quick-twitch ability and impressive ball skills at the scouting combine, Alexander's stock is ticking up.

25. Titans

Harold Landry, OLB/DE, Boston College

Despite tying for fifth last season with 43 sacks, Tennessee's pass rush is middling at best off the edge. That won't stand for new coach Mike Vrabel, especially after Tennessee's concerted effort to improve the 25th-ranked pass defense by adding CB Malcolm Butler. Landry can bend with the best of them and would increase flexibility with incumbent OLBs Brian Orakpo and Derrick Morgan entering contract years.

26. Falcons

Harrison Phillips, DT, Stanford

With Dontari Poe off to Carolina, DL Grady Jarrett could use a hammer next to him inside. The hard-nosed Phillips can utilize his wrestling background to clog lanes and keep an emerging group of linebackers clean.

27. Saints

Mike Gesicki, TE, Penn State

Drew Brees is back, but there will be no reunion with Jimmy Graham after the former Saints standout signed with the Packers. Though Gesicki might be seen as somewhat of a luxury pick, the former volleyball and basketball standout's prowess on jump balls could help solve the third-down woes that occasionally kept the offense in check last season.

28. Steelers

Rashaan Evans, LB, Alabama

Ryan Shazier has already been ruled out for next season, leaving a hole in the middle of Pittsburgh's defense. Evans has demonstrated sideline-to-sideline ability both in coverage and as a tackler and would also bring value as a blitzer.

29. Jaguars

Christian Kirk, WR, Texas A&M

Marqise Lee was re-signed, and Donte Moncrief was added. Still, Jacksonville's receiving corps is somewhat of a hodgepodge after Allen Robinson's exit. Kirk (5-10, 200) would give QB Blake Bortles a stout, reliable target capable of consistently breaking big gains, especially in play action.

30. Vikings

James Daniels, C/G, Iowa

After landing QB Kirk Cousins and DL Sheldon Richardson, Minnesota doesn't have many weak points. Daniels, however, would help solidify an interior line that still looks shaky.

31. Patriots

Mike McGlinchey, OT, Notre Dame

Most of New England's free agency departures might have been expected, but LT Nate Solder signing with the Giants leaves a worrisome hole. McGlinchey could step in as the replacement.

32. Eagles

Joshua Jackson, CB, Iowa

With its core maintained after free agency, Philadelphia has flexibility in the draft. Jackson is a ball hawk (eight interceptions in 2017) who would help a so-so secondary.

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1. Cleveland Browns

Sam Darnold, QB, Southern California

The Browns have to go quarterback at the top of the draft and Darnold's done a nice job of cementing himself as the top available option.

2. New York Giants

Bradley Chubb, DE, NC State

Chubb played primarily as a 4-3 defensive end in college, but he can rush the passer from anywhere on the field, and would fit nicely as a replacement to Jason Pierre-Paul in the Giants new 3-4 defense.

3. New York Jets (from Indianapolis Colts)

Josh Allen, QB, Wyoming

The Jets grabbing Josh Allen, with his status as a raw but talented prospect, might make some fans cringe with Christian Hackenberg still on the roster. They can afford to play Josh McCown/Teddy Bridgewater while letting Allen get ready for the long haul.

4. Miami Dolphins (via MOCK trade with Cleveland Browns (from Houston Texans))

Baker Mayfield, Oklahoma

The Dolphins already have a Big 12 quarterback on the roster, but Ryan Tannehill has been there for five years now and hasn't proven to necessarily be the answer. Mayfield would inject serious life into Adam Gase's offense, and drafting a quarterback would buy the current Miami regime a little time.

5. Denver Broncos

Josh Rosen, QB, UCLA

A stunned John Elway doesn't know what to do when the Dolphins make their move, so he's got to pull the trigger on the next best option, landing Rosen to pair with Case Keenum in a very awkward quarterback situation.

6. Chicago Bears (via MOCK trade with Indianapolis Colts (from Jew York Jets))

Quenton Nelson, OG, Notre Dame

Dream scenario for Bears fans here. With free agency serving as an opportunity to secure Allen Robinson, Trey Burton and Taylor Gabriel, GM Ryan Pace again pays a big price (a third-round pick?) to move up a small way and get the guy he wants. He's giving Mitchell Trubisky everything he needs at this point.

7. Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Saquon Barkley, RB, Penn State

A precipitous drop given where people expect Barkley to land in this draft, but the reality of the quarterback situation this year is we're going to see multiple stars fall further than they should. This is a prime landing spot for Barkley, with Doug Martin cut this offseason and Jameis Winston needing a playmaker in the backfield.

8. Indianapolis Colts Chicago Bears

Derwin James, DB, Florida State

What a haul for the Colts here. Trade down twice and still come away with one of the five best players in the draft. James is a versatile monster and a modern-day defensive weapon. His freshman tape is ridiculous and he might be underrated in this draft.

9. San Francisco 49ers

Minkah Fitzpatrick, FS, Alabama

The 49ers should feel pretty good about this too, getting to sit pat at No. 9 and come away with a cornerback who is capable of playing all over the field.

10. Oakland Raiders

Roquan Smith, LB, Georgia

Jon Gruden wants to throw it back to 1998 so why not get a fast and punishing linebacker. Smith flying around the field in the silver and black would be a beautiful thing.

11. Cleveland Browns (via MOCK trade with Miami Dolphins)

Mike McGlinchey, OT, Notre Dame

Trading down netted the Browns a pile of picks, and now they can go secure a future left tackle replacement for the departed and retired Joe Thomas.

12. Buffalo Bills (from Cincinnati Bengals)

Lamar Jackson, QB, Louisville

The quarterback economics are going to be NUTS this year and if the Bills want to guarantee they get a franchise quarterback, which Jackson has the potential to become, they are going to need to use their first pick -- not their second -- on one.

13. Washington Redskins

Denzel Ward, DB, Ohio State

With Bashaud Breeland a free agent and Kendall Fuller traded, the Redskins need to restock the cupboard when it comes to their defensive backs.

14. Green Bay Packers

Harold Landry, EDGE, Boston College

The Packers need to keep piling up weapons to give Mike Pettine's defense a fighting chance at turning things around in 2018 and actually generating some pressure.

15. Arizona Cardinals

Mason Rudolph, QB, Oklahoma State

The additions of Sam Bradford and Mike Glennon were nice upside options for the Cardinals, but they are probably not the long-term answer at quarterback.

16. Baltimore Ravens

D.J. Moore, WR, Maryland

The Ravens got Michael Crabtree in free agency, but still need to develop some long-term weapons if they aren't going to land a quarterback.

17. Los Angeles Chargers

Tremaine Edmunds, LB, Virginia Tech

The Chargers have long been a team that could target OL help in this draft but they've really beefed up their unit at this point. Getting some more defensive help should be a priority, especially with a talent like Edmunds at linebacker.

18. Seattle Seahawks

Isaiah Wynn, OT, Georgia

The Seahawks might be forced to draft for need here, which would involve going after a pretty good crop of offensive linemen and improving the protection for Russell Wilson.

19. Dallas Cowboys

Vita Vea, DT, Washington

The Cowboys have secured some pass rush this offseason, so they need to get a big body in the middle of the defensive line.

20. Detroit Lions

Da'Ron Payne, DT, Alabama

Matt Patricia can kickstart his new defense in Detroit by adding an anchor who can soak up plenty of blockers.

21. Cincinnati Bengals (from Buffalo Bills)

Rashaan Evans, LB, Alabama

It feels more and more likely that the Bengals could end up moving on from Vontaze Burfict in the long haul, which means they'll be in the business of trying to find a replacement quarterback.

22. Buffalo Bills (from Kansas City Chiefs)

Calvin Ridley, WR, Alabama

The Bills get to pair their new starting quarterback with a new starting wide receiver, which feels like it might be even more of a necessity after Zay Jones' bizarre incident. Bonus: AJ McCarron and Ridley can yell "Roll Tide" after each touchdown. Bonus 2.0: this run on Alabama players means that the tide is ..... rolling.

23. Los Angeles Rams

Leighton Vander Esch, LB, Boise State

The Rams could use some help at outside linebacker, so they pursue the guy with the best name in the draft who is coming off a productive career at Boise.

24. Carolina Panthers

Will Hernandez, OG, Texas-El Paso

The Panthers lost Andrew Norwell in free agency and would benefit greatly from being able to add a guard in the first round of the draft. This might be the dream scenario.

25. Tennessee Titans

Marcus davenport, EDGE, UTSA

The Titans are quietly putting together a really nice little defense in Tennessee, but it would probably behoove them to secure some more guys who can generate pressure on the passer.

26. Atlanta Falcons

Mike Hughes, CB, UCF

The Falcons just have a knack for drafting upside-filled defensive players who probably shouldn't have slipped to them in the draft and they're trying to do so here too.

27. New Orleans Saints

Mike Gesicki, TE, Penn State

For whatever reason one of the Saints' weaknesses happens to be the weapons available to Drew Brees. After missing on Jimmy Graham, they can get younger and better at the tight end position.

28. Pittsburgh Steelers

Derrius Guice, RB, LSU

I'm willing to roll with the rumor du jour and mock the Steelers taking a running back here. The reality is they will have to replace Le'Veon Bell at some point in time.

29. Jacksonville Jaguars

Connor Williams, OT, Texas

The Jaguars can invest in the offensive line now hoping it will pay dividends down the road, with them having some flexibility not to toss Williams into the fire right away.

30. Minnesota Vikings

Josh Jackson, CB, Iowa

The Vikings don't mind grabbing talented corners and squatting on them for a bit, which is what they can do here with Jackson, a very nice value pick at this spot.

31. New England Patriots

Maurice Hurst, DT, Michigan

Health concerns cause Hurst to slide down the board to the Patriots, who snag another talented defensive-line prospect.

32. Philadelphia Eagles

Dallas Goedert, TE, South Dakota State

After losing Trey Burton in free agency, the Eagles can go into the first round of the draft and start planning for the long haul with another tight end to pair with Zach Ertz.

PLAYER RANKINGS

2018 Player Rankings (Big Board)

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One asterisk denotes a junior, and two asterisks denote a redshirt sophomore for the 2017 season.

1. *Saquon Barkley, RB, Penn State

Previous rank: 1

I don't see Barkley moving out of the top spot here, and he's a lock to be picked in the top five. His testing numbers at the combine -- 4.40 40-yard dash and 41-inch vertical -- were elite at any size, much less a 6-foot, 233-pound back. Barkley plays with tremendous balance, a great lower body and quick feet. He's a stellar runner both inside and outside the tackles, and he showed in 2017 that he's a true three-down back. He had 54 catches after having 48 combined in his first two seasons at Penn State. Barkley is a special talent.

2. Bradley Chubb, DE, NC State

Previous rank: 3

Chubb could have entered the 2017 draft and been in the first-round discussion. At 6-foot-4, 269 pounds, he shows good takeoff from the edge as a pass-rusher, and he has an excellent mix of speed and power. You saw some of that speed and explosion at the combine, where he ran a 4.65 40 and had a 36-inch vertical. Chubb had 10 sacks and 25 tackles for loss (tied for second in the FBS) in 2017 and had 10 sacks and 21.5 tackles for loss in 2016. He is the top-ranked pass-rusher in this class, and he solidified a top-five grade from me with his performance at the combine.

3. *Quenton Nelson, G, Notre Dame

Previous rank: 4

Nelson and Mike McGlinchey formed the best left side of an O-line in college football. Both are likely first-round picks, and Nelson has a chance to go in the top five. At 6-foot-5, 335 pounds, Nelson causes destruction in the interior. I wrote last year that he was entertaining to watch, and you just don't say that about guards. He is a dominant run-blocker who is powerful at the point of attack and athletic enough to pull and get into space.

4. *Roquan Smith, ILB, Georgia

Previous rank: 9

Smith showed off his athleticism at the combine, running a 4.51 40 at 6-foot-1, 236 pounds. That speed shows up on tape. He can get sideline to sideline in a hurry. A season after recording 95 total tackles and five tackles for loss, Smith had 137 tackles, 14 tackles for loss and 6.5 sacks in 2017. He can blitz up the middle or off the edge, and I think he could play inside or outside linebacker. He's just a fun player to watch, and he was one of the best players on the field in both of the Bulldogs' College Football Playoff matchups.

5. *Josh Allen, QB, Wyoming

Previous rank: 5

Allen has crushed the pre-draft process and is in the mix to be the No. 1 overall pick. He has shown improvement at the Senior Bowl and at the combine, and he has a high ceiling. Allen (6-foot-5, 237 pounds) is super raw but can really sling it. His numbers weren't great in 2016 (28 touchdown passes, 15 interceptions while completing 56 percent of his passes), and his numbers weren't great in 2017 (16 touchdown passes, six interceptions while completing 56.3 percent of his passes), but NFL teams will take into account the talent around him. The Wyoming offense lost 47 touchdowns from the 2016 team, along with its center. I think Allen's numbers will be much better in an NFL offense with NFL players. He put some strong film together in the Cowboys' bowl win, throwing three touchdown passes in the first half, even while recovering from a shoulder injury.

6. **Sam Darnold, QB, Southern California

Previous rank: 6

Darnold didn't throw at the combine, but that wasn't an issue. I wrote before his pro day about what teams were looking for, and he exceeded expectations (in the rain). After pro days, teams should have no more questions about a player. I don't think there's any question that Darnold is right there with Allen vying to be the top pick in April. Darnold (6-foot-3, 221 pounds) played better down the stretch, but he had an up-and-down 2017. He finished with 13 interceptions and nine lost fumbles. His 22 turnovers were tied for most in the FBS. I think Darnold has a chance to be special, and I believe in his talent long term. Darnold makes quick decisions and is an accurate, natural passer, but he needs to be more consistent with his footwork.

7. *Minkah Fitzpatrick, DB, Alabama

Previous rank: 2

Fitzpatrick (6-foot, 204 pounds) has played corner and safety at Alabama, and he could play either position at the next level. The versatility is a huge plus. Fitzpatrick is really a defensive coordinator's dream: a modern-day big corner who plays safety. He's versatile enough to line up in the slot and lock down receivers, but he also can be a center fielder. Fitzpatrick had nine career interceptions (including four that were returned for touchdowns), so he has elite ball skills. He isn't afraid to make a tackle, either, which is why I think he'll be a top-five pick in April.

8. **Derwin James, S, Florida State

Previous rank: 18

James is rising because of how he tested at the combine. A 4.47 40 and 40-inch vertical showed off rare athleticism for a 6-foot-2, 215-pound safety. On the field, James is a tough evaluation because he just hasn't played many games. The former five-star recruit was terrific as a freshman for the Seminoles in 2015, with 91 tackles, 9.5 tackles for loss, 4.5 sacks and two forced fumbles. But he played only two games in 2016 after suffering a torn meniscus in his left knee. He came back healthy in 2017 and finished with two interceptions, 11 pass breakups and 84 total tackles. James can be a versatile defender who plays in the box and also covers the deep middle of the field.

9. *Denzel Ward, CB, Ohio State

Previous rank: 11

Ward's 4.32 40 at the combine was faster than former teammate Marshon Lattimore's 4.36 from last year. He's the real deal, even if he's a little on the small side at 5-foot-11, 183 pounds. Ward has the skill set and traits of a No. 1 corner in the NFL. He's polished. He didn't have an interception in 2016, but he plays the ball well and showed good instincts in coverage, breaking up nine passes. Ward had two interceptions in 2017, as well as 15 more pass breakups. I really liked what I saw on his 2016 tape, even as the Buckeyes had two other corners who went in the first round of the 2017 draft. I expect Ward to be the first cornerback off the board, and Tampa Bay at No. 7 is a team to watch.

10. *Josh Rosen, QB, UCLA

Previous rank: 7

The 6-foot-4, 226-pound Rosen throws a great ball and has rare arm talent. There aren't many quarterbacks who can make the throws he does. But there are still questions about him. Coming off a stellar freshman season in 2015, Rosen struggled in 2016 and made only six starts before injuring his shoulder. He had a great start to the 2017 season and finished with 26 touchdown passes and 10 interceptions. He missed a game because of a concussion late in the season, however, and was pulled in the second half of UCLA's win over Cal "for precautionary reasons" after taking a few big hits. He was then held out of the Bruins' bowl game. So injuries play a part in his evaluation, but there's no denying his talent. He might be the quarterback in this class who's most ready to play in Week 1.

11. Baker Mayfield, QB, Oklahoma

Previous rank: 10

As I wrote in December, Mayfield is one of the most difficult evaluations in this class. I love him on the field -- he's not afraid to take shots downfield, has an underrated arm, and has won a ton of games. The Heisman Trophy winner put up huge numbers the past three seasons, and completed better than 70 percent of his passes since the beginning of the 2016 season. He had 83 touchdown passes and only 14 interceptions over that span. But Mayfield isn't going to be for every team, simply because of his size -- 6-foot-1, 215 pounds. There isn't much history of 6-foot-1 quarterbacks having success in the NFL, and Mayfield isn't the same kind of athlete as Russell Wilson. That said, he can make every throw. And like Rosen, I think a team would have no issue putting Mayfield on the field in Week 1. He doesn't need development time.

12. *Tremaine Edmunds, OLB, Virginia Tech

Previous rank: 8

Edmunds is one of the biggest athletic freaks in this class. He just ran a 4.54 40 at 253 pounds at the combine. And the tape matches -- he lives in the backfield. A year after recording 106 total tackles, 18.5 tackles for loss and 4.5 sacks, he had 109 total tackles, 14 tackles for loss and 5.5 sacks in 2017. Edmunds isn't a traditional linebacker; he could play inside in a pinch and disrupt some throwing lanes, and he also could play outside and pressure quarterbacks. He even does a good job covering pass-catchers out of the backfield. Edmunds is a high-upside pick, and it's down to him and Roquan Smith as the first linebacker to be selected.

13. *Kolton Miller, OT, UCLA

Previous rank: 13

I wrote last month that Miller reminds me of former Patriots left tackle Nate Solder, who went in the middle of the first round in 2011. They both have huge frames, and they have great feet. Miller was an under-the-radar prospect coming into the season because of a foot injury that forced him to miss most of 2016. But he came into his own in 2017, and he has a high ceiling. Miller put up freaky athletic numbers at the combine, running a 4.91 40 and jumping 10-foot-1 in the broad jump. He has the type of traits NFL teams fall in love with, especially in a tackle class that doesn't have a clear No. 1 guy. I wouldn't be shocked if he went in the top 10.

14. Marcus Davenport, DE, UT San Antonio

Previous rank: 12

Scouts were buzzing about Davenport at the end of the season, and he has impressed at the Senior Bowl and combine. He's one of the best pure pass-rushers in this class, even if he hasn't developed an arsenal of moves yet. At 6-foot-6, 264 pounds, Davenport is a quick-twitch athlete who can play on his feet or with his hand in the dirt. He had 8.5 sacks and 17 tackles for loss in 2017 and had 6.5 sacks in 2016.

15. *Justin Reid, S, Stanford

Previous rank: NR

Reid is rising after the combine, where he tested well athletically and ran a 4.40 40. I thought he was more likely a Day 2 pick going in, but now there's a good chance he'll be a first-round pick. And when you put on the tape, Reid pops. He had a phenomenal 2017 season, intercepting five passes with 99 total tackles and six tackles for loss. He can play in the box. He can play as a deep safety. Reid (6-foot, 207 pounds), the younger brother of free-agent safety Eric Reid, has been underrated throughout this draft process. He's a solid prospect.

16. *Rashaan Evans, ILB, Alabama

Previous rank: 17

Finally healthy after being hampered by a groin injury, Evans stood out on a defense loaded with NFL talent. He played outside early in his career at Alabama, and the versatility will help at the next level. Evans (6-foot-2, 232 pounds) also can rush the passer; he had 15 career sacks. He finished the 2017 season with 13 tackles for loss, too. The Crimson Tide have a long history of producing talented linebackers, including Reuben Foster in the 2017 draft, and Evans is next up. The one question I have about Evans is speed, as he didn't run the 40 at the combine or at his pro day. On tape, though, he's a sure tackler who can run sideline to sideline.

17. *Da'Ron Payne, DT, Alabama

Previous rank: 20

Payne (6-foot-2, 311 pounds) was a reliable presence for the Crimson Tide, and he might have had his best two games in the College Football Playoff. Georgia couldn't block him in the title game, especially in the first quarter. Payne isn't going to put up huge numbers on the stat sheet -- he had only three career sacks -- but he consistently beats interior offensive linemen and gets good push. He's a solid prospect with some upside.

18. *Vita Vea, DT, Washington

Previous rank: 21

At 6-foot-4, 347 pounds, Vea is more than a space-eater. He has some explosion and quickness off the ball and can penetrate along the interior. He had five sacks and 39 total tackles in 2016, and he had 3.5 sacks in 2017. I think Vea can be an every-down player in the NFL, not just a two-down tackle. He reminds me of Haloti Ngata, who posted three consecutive NFL seasons with at least five sacks.

19. *Taven Bryan, DT, Florida

Previous rank: NR

Bryan would be a first-round pick based all on projection, as his college production didn't match his talent. He had only 5.5 career sacks, and four came in 2017. At 6-foot-5, 291 pounds, Bryan is a physical specimen, though, whose raw attributes will attract a team. He will take time to develop but could be a star as a penetrating 3-technique in a 4-3 defense.

20. *Jaire Alexander, CB, Louisville

Previous rank: NR

This cornerback class was jumbled at the top, and that's why the combine was so important. This is the position where 40 times matter most -- corners are often in dead sprints throughout games. Speed matters. Alexander has that -- he ran a 4.38 40. And his testing in the broad jump, three-cone and 20-yard shuttle ranked near the top of his class. Alexander played only six games in 2017 because of injuries, but he starred in 2016, picking off five passes. He's also a great punt returner. At 5-foot-10, 196 pounds, Alexander is small, no doubt. But as teams are more regularly playing the nickel, that's not a big deal. Every team needs three competent corners, and versatility is important. That's why Alexander is rising into the discussion to be a Day 1 pick.

21. *Leighton Vander Esch, LB, Boise State

Previous rank: NR

I wrote in my Mock Draft 2.0 that Vander Esch was trending toward being a late first-round pick, and then he tested off the charts at the combine, including running a 4.65 40 with a vertical jump of 39.5 inches. Did I mention he's 6-foot-4, 256 pounds, and could play inside or outside linebacker? He had a fantastic 2017 season, with 141 tackles, three interceptions, four sacks and 8.5 tackles for loss. I think his best fit is as an inside linebacker in a 3-4 defense, and he's an every-down player whose stock is rising.

22. *Calvin Ridley, WR, Alabama

Previous rank: 14

I said during the combine that there's no top-10 talent at receiver in this draft class. That's why Ridley drops a little bit here. His size (6-foot, 189 pounds) and testing numbers in Indianapolis are worrisome -- he had one of the lowest vertical jumps (31 inches) of all the receivers. But then you turn on the tape, and Ridley is running past secondaries. He's always open, and he's a nightmare to try to tackle in the open field. He had 63 catches for 967 yards and five touchdowns in 2017, including touchdowns in both of the Crimson Tide's College Football Playoff games. And that was with inconsistent quarterback play. I like Ridley, but I wouldn't be surprised if he's available around pick No. 20. And he might be the second receiver off the board behind this next player.

23. *D.J. Moore, WR, Maryland

Previous rank: NR

As I wrote after the combine, Moore was the most impressive wide receiver in Indianapolis, putting up a 4.42 40 and 11-foot broad jump. He was a smooth pass-catcher in drills. And I think he's an impact punt returner on day one in the NFL. Don't be surprised if Moore is the first wide receiver selected in the first round, as some teams like him over Ridley. Moore had 80 catches for 1,033 yards and eight touchdowns last season.

24. *Lamar Jackson, QB, Louisville

Previous rank: NR

Jackson didn't make my last Mock Draft, but he's trending toward being a first-round pick. He's too talented not to be, and I wouldn't be shocked if a team that really likes him trades up for him in the 20s. Jackson has improved his delivery and put on good weight, and no one can deny his athletic ability. He's also an efficient passer who threw 57 touchdown passes to just 19 interceptions over the past two seasons. Still, Jackson (6-foot-2, 216 pounds) is the most raw of the top quarterback prospects in this class, and teams will have to be patient with him. If a smart offensive coordinator builds his offense around Jackson's strengths, though, the former Heisman Trophy winner could be a star.

25. Mike McGlinchey, OT, Notre Dame

Previous rank: 24

McGlinchey is a massive athlete (6-foot-8, 309 pounds) who looks like a tight end with pads on. He was dominant from the left side in Notre Dame's rout of USC in October. He plays with solid technique, and he can get to the second level for combo blocks, all while driving defenders off the ball in the running game. He played right tackle in 2015, then replaced first-round pick Ronnie Stanley on the left side in 2016. The versatility will help McGlinchey in the NFL.

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Quarterbacks
1. *Josh Allen, Wyoming
2. **Sam Darnold, USC
3. *Josh Rosen, UCLA
4. Baker Mayfield, Oklahoma
5. *Lamar Jackson, Louisville
6. Mason Rudolph, Oklahoma State
7. Kyle Lauletta, Richmond
8. Mike White, Western Kentucky
9. Luke Falk, Washington State
10. *Chase Litton, Marshall

Running backs
1. *Saquon Barkley, Penn State
2. *Derrius Guice, LSU
3. *Ronald Jones II, USC
4. Nick Chubb, Georgia
5. Sony Michel, Georgia
6. Rashaad Penny, San Diego State
7. *Nyheim Hines, NC State
8. *Kerryon Johnson, Auburn
9. Royce Freeman, Oregon
10. Kalen Ballage, Arizona State

Fullbacks/H-backs
1. Jaylen Samuels, NC State
2. Dimitri Flowers, Oklahoma
3. Nick Bawden, San Diego State
4. DeAndre Goolsby, Florida
5. Khalid Hill, Michigan
6. Austin Ramesh, Wisconsin
7. Deon Yelder, Western Kentucky
8. Marcus Martin, Slippery Rock
9. Daniel Marx, Stanford
10. Donnie Ernsberger, Western Michigan

Wide receivers
1. *Calvin Ridley, Alabama
2. *D.J. Moore, Maryland
3. Anthony Miller, Memphis
4. *Christian Kirk, Texas A&M
5. James Washington, Oklahoma State
6. D.J. Chark, LSU
7. *Courtland Sutton, SMU
8. Dante Pettis, Washington
9. *Tre'Quan Smith, Central Florida
10. DaeSean Hamilton, Penn State

Tight ends
1. Dallas Goedert, South Dakota State
2. *Hayden Hurst, South Carolina
3. *Mark Andrews, Oklahoma
4. Mike Gesicki, Penn State
5. *Jordan Akins, Central Florida
6. Ian Thomas, Indiana
7. Troy Fumagalli, Wisconsin
8. Jordan Thomas, Mississippi State
9. Will Dissly, Washington
10. Durham Smythe, Notre Dame

Offensive tackles
1. *Kolton Miller, UCLA
2. Mike McGlinchey, Notre Dame
3. *Connor Williams, Texas
4. *Geron Christian, Louisville
5. *Orlando Brown, Oklahoma
6. Tyrell Crosby, Oregon
7. Martinas Rankin, Mississippi State
8. *Brian O'Neill, Pitt
9. Desmond Harrison, West Georgia
10. Chukwuma Okorafor, Western Michigan

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Guards
1. *Quenton Nelson, Notre Dame
2. Isaiah Wynn, Georgia
3. Will Hernandez, UTEP
4. Austin Corbett, Nevada
5. Colby Gossett, Appalachian State
6. Braden Smith, Auburn
7. Wyatt Teller, Virginia Tech
8. Skyler Phillips, Idaho State
9. *Sam Jones, Arizona State
10. Sean Welsh, Iowa

Centers
1. *James Daniels, Iowa
2. Billy Price, Ohio State
3. Frank Ragnow, Arkansas
4. Scott Quessenberry, UCLA
5. Mason Cole, Michigan
6. *Will Clapp, LSU
7. Coleman Shelton, Washington
8. Jake Bennett, Colorado State
9. Brian Allen, Michigan State
10. Bradley Bozeman, Alabama

Defensive ends
1. Bradley Chubb, NC State
2. Marcus Davenport, Texas (San Antonio)
3. *Breeland Speaks, Mississippi
4. Tyquan Lewis, Ohio State
5. *Sam Hubbard, Ohio State
6. Andrew Brown, Virginia
7. *Rasheem Green, USC
8. *Arden Key, LSU
9. Da'Shawn Hand, Alabama
10. Kylie Fitts, Utah

Defensive tackles
1. *Da'Ron Payne, Alabama
2. *Vita Vea, Washington
3. *Taven Bryan, Florida
4. B.J. Hill, NC State
5. Maurice Hurst, Michigan
6. *Harrison Phillips, Stanford
7. Nathan Shepherd, Fort Hays State
8. Deadrin Senat, South Florida
9. *Tim Settle, Virginia Tech
10. Derrick Nnadi, Florida State

Inside linebackers
1. *Roquan Smith, Georgia
2. *Tremaine Edmunds, Virginia Tech
3. Rashaan Evans, Alabama
4. *Leighton Vander Esch, Boise State
5. Genard Avery, Memphis
6. Oren Burks, Vanderbilt
7. Micah Kiser, Virginia
8. Josey Jewell, Iowa
6. Darius Leonard, South Carolina State
7. Nick DeLuca, North Dakota State
8. Oren Burks, Vanderbilt
9. Darius Leonard, South Carolina State
10. *Christian Sam, Arizona State

Outside linebackers
1. Harold Landry, Boston College
2. Lorenzo Carter, Georgia
3. Uchenna Nwosu, USC
4. Ogbonnia Okoronkwo, Oklahoma
5. *Malik Jefferson, Texas
6. Kemoko Turay, Rutgers
7. Shaquem Griffin, Central Florida
8. *Jerome Baker, Ohio State
9. *Josh Sweat, Florida State
10. *Jeff Holland, Auburn

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Cornerbacks
1. *Denzel Ward, Ohio State
2. *Jaire Alexander, Louisville
3. *Josh Jackson, Iowa
4. M.J. Stewart, North Carolina
5. *Mike Hughes, Central Florida
6. *Donte Jackson, LSU
7. *Isaiah Oliver, Colorado
8. *Carlton Davis, Auburn
9. Anthony Averett, Alabama
10. Duke Dawson, Florida

Safeties
1. *Minkah Fitzpatrick, Alabama
2. **Derwin James, Florida State
3. *Justin Reid, Stanford
4. **Jessie Bates, Wake Forest
5. *Ronnie Harrison, Alabama
6. *Terrell Edmunds, Virginia Tech
7. Godwin Igwebuike, Northwestern
8. *DeShon Elliott, Texas
9. Kyzir White, West Virginia
10. Marcus Allen, Penn State

Kickers, punters and long-snappers
1. Johnny Townsend, Florida (P)
2. JK Scott, Alabama (P)
3. Daniel Carlson, Auburn (K)
4. *Eddy Pineiro, Florida (K)
5. *Michael Dickson, Texas (P)
6. Tanner Carew, Oregon (LS)
7. Shane Tripucka, Texas A&M (P)
8. Trevor Daniel, Tennessee (P)
9. Ryan Winslow, Pitt (P)
10. Drew Brown, Nebraska (K)

2018 Player Rankings (Big Board)

TODD McSHAY – ESPN.com

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Note: Underclassmen are marked with an asterisk.

1. Saquon Barkley, RB, Penn State*

Barkley was the best running back in the nation last season, racking up more than 1,200 yards on 5.9 yards per carry and 18 rushing touchdowns despite regularly facing eight and nine men in the box. Barkley has a distinctive combination of size, agility and power; there just aren't many 233-pound backs with his feet and acceleration. Barkley is also a three-down back, with solid hands as a receiver and above-average blocking skills in pass protection. Making it an even easier evaluation is the fact that Barkley is a driven competitor with very good leadership skills and no off-the-field issues. He checked all the boxes at the combine as well.

2. Quenton Nelson, G, Notre Dame*

Nelson is a road-grader with the size (6-foot-5, 325 pounds), strength, polish and toughness to start immediately in the NFL. He seems like one of the safer prospects at this point and appears a lock to go in the top 10.

3. Sam Darnold, QB, Southern California*

There's no doubt Darnold made some questionable decisions throwing the football last season (13 interceptions) and picked up some bad habits behind a shaky offensive line (specifically erratic pocket poise and loose handling of the football). But when his base and feet are right, Darnold can be a very accurate passer. His ability to extend and improvise is an important trait, and there's a lot to like about his intangibles and leadership skills. He also was able to show off his arm, throwing in the rain at his recent pro day at USC.

4. Bradley Chubb, DE, NC State

A three-year starter and two-time team captain, Chubb ended the 2016 season ranked fourth in the nation with 22 tackles for loss. He isn't an elite pass-rusher, but he has a good first step, bends well for his size and has a nonstop motor. Chubb was very productive in 2017, with a remarkable 25.0 TFL and 10.0 sacks. A great all-around player.

5. Tremaine Edmunds, OLB, Virginia Tech*

I was impressed with Edmunds last season. A versatile linebacker with a great frame and speed (4.54 40) for his size (6-foot-4, 253 pounds), he flew around the field, amassing 109 tackles, 5.5 sacks and three forced fumbles. Edmunds had 18.5 tackles for loss and 4.5 sacks in 2016. He had a terrific combine and continues to be a riser.

6. Minkah Fitzpatrick, S, Alabama*

Fitzpatrick played as a true freshman and started in 42 of his 44 collegiate games. He has a unique skill set and was all over the field last season. He is a true shutdown corner but also can be used as a safety. A good all-around player, he had a strong combine and his 4.46 40 helped to check another box.

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7. Denzel Ward, CB, Ohio State

Ward wasn't high enough on my radar early in the year, but I went back and watched some tape from last season -- and boy was I impressed. Spending 2016 behind Marshon Lattimore, Malik Hooker and Gareon Conley (all 2017 first-round picks), he didn't get much playing time, but he has elite fluidity, quickness and recovery speed (blazing 4.32 40 at the combine). He has closed the gap with Fitzpatrick and had 15 passes broken up (Fitzpatrick had eight).

8. Josh Allen, QB, Wyoming*

Outside of scouting circles, Allen was a relative unknown coming into the 2017 season. Most of his appearances in the national spotlight (at Iowa, versus Oregon, at Boise State) didn't go well, but some of that was him and some of it was a poor supporting cast. He is one of the most physically gifted quarterbacks to come out of college in the past five years. He has an elite arm and frame (6-foot-5, 233 pounds) and can make every throw when his feet are right, as he showed in the bowl game against Central Michigan. He has had a good postseason process (Senior Bowl, combine, pro day) and should be gone in the first 11 picks.

9. Josh Rosen, QB, UCLA*

I think it was obvious to anyone who watched the USC-UCLA game that Rosen is far more NFL-ready than Darnold as a pocket passer. Rosen is a naturally gifted passer with the touch, anticipation and ball placement you see in most of the NFL greats. But Rosen has some red flags of his own. His inability to extend some plays with his feet is concerning, and it has led to a lot of poor decisions under fire (26 INTs in 30 starts). Time will tell how teams feel about his coachability, leadership skills and passion for the game.

10. Roquan Smith, ILB, Georgia*

An athletic, sideline-to-sideline weakside linebacker, Smith played well on the biggest stage in the College Football Playoff. Even with all of the speed on Georgia's defense, he managed to stand out. He had 6.5 sacks and 14.0 TFL on the season, but his potential far outweighs those numbers. A 4.51 40 at the combine confirmed his playing speed on tape.

11. Derwin James, S, Florida State*

James is one of the most versatile players we've ever evaluated. A third-year sophomore, he tore the lateral meniscus in his left knee in the second game of 2016 and received a medical redshirt. He played well despite a disappointing overall season for Florida State in 2017. James is one of the most talented prospects in this draft, and his terrific combine showing (4.47 40, 40-inch vertical jump, 11-foot broad jump) has helped his stock.

12. Vita Vea, DT, Washington*

At 6-foot-4 and 347 pounds, the former high school running back was a space-eater in the middle of Washington's defense. With 3.5 sacks and 5.5 TFL, he has the ability to split double-teams and wreak havoc in the backfield. A hamstring strain kept Vea from doing on-field drills at the combine, but he showed off his strength (41 bench-press reps) and speed (5.11 40 at 347 pounds).

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13. Baker Mayfield, QB, Oklahoma

My ninth-ranked QB entering the season, the 2017 Heisman winner has done a ton to improve his draft stock. As good as Mayfield's numbers were this season (4,627 yards, 43 TDs, 6 INTs), he's even more impressive to me as a team leader. Mayfield measured 6-foot with 9¼-inch hands at the combine, so he checked two of those boxes. I've got him as the No. 4 QB in the class right now. He has handled the postseason process well, starting by showing up and performing at the Senior Bowl.

14. Mike Hughes, CB, UCF*

A shutdown man-to-man cover corner who also will support the run. He took some high-level WRs out of their games in 2017, holding SMU's Courtland Sutton (possible first-round pick) to 46 receiving yards and Memphis' Anthony Miller (Day 2 prospect) to only three catches in the regular-season matchup (most of Miller's production in the AAC championship game came on the opposite side of the field from Hughes). Hughes is also dangerous in the return game; he averaged 16.6 yards per punt return with a touchdown and 31.8 yards per kickoff return with two TDs in 2017.

15. Da'Ron Payne, DT, Alabama*

Payne had a good season overall with 53 total tackles and a sack, but I love that he played some of his best football in the playoff. An excellent run-stuffer, he's tough to move off the ball and has the upper-body strength to control blockers and get off blocks. His lack of sack production is concerning and could keep him out of the top 20, but when you study the tape, you see his disruption in that part of the game. A 4.95 40-yard dash at 6-foot-2 and 311 pounds during the combine has only helped his stock.

16. Rashaan Evans, LB, Alabama

Evans came on strong last season, tying Ronnie Harrison with a team-high 74 tackles. He was sensational in the College Football Playoff games, flashing his pass-rushing prowess and versatility as a run defender and coverage linebacker. With the ability to line up inside and outside, Evans has raised his stock considerably and an excellent combine workout (including a 6.95-second three-cone drill) only helped. Medical results will be key for him.

17. Marcus Davenport, DE, UTSA

A fast riser right now, Davenport put up 8.5 sacks and 17.0 TFL in 2017. There's no question that he's raw, but he's one of the best pure pass-rushers -- and athletes -- in this class. He was impressive in practice at the Senior Bowl, and his silly 4.58 40, along with a 10-foot, 4-inch broad jump at the combine, have helped solidify his stock.

18. Calvin Ridley, WR, Alabama*

Ridley didn't get a chance to showcase his full potential in Alabama's run-heavy offense, but he averaged 15.3 yards per catch last season and scored a TD in both playoff games. A player with outstanding foot quickness and a nightmare in the open field, Ridley has good acceleration. He's the clear No. 1 receiver in this class, though I'm not sure if he's a true No. 1 wideout in the NFL. His 9-foot, 2-inch broad jump (worst among WRs) and 31-inch vertical jump (tied for third-worst) at the combine raised some concerns.

19. Josh Jackson, CB, Iowa*

Jackson made my Top 32 list after his three-interception game against Ohio State, and he has stayed here since. He's long (6-foot) with natural cover skills and attacks the ball like a wide receiver. He's still developing consistency with his footwork and eyes, but he's one of the top CBs coming out. He led the nation with eight INTs last season, and his 4.56 40 and 38-inch vertical at the combine helped confirm his long speed.

20. Dallas Goedert, TE, South Dakota State

The clear top tight end in this class, Goedert put up big numbers again this past season at South Dakota State. A hamstring injury hurt his ability to show off at the Senior Bowl and combine, but he's a rare two-way tight end who should be able to contribute in the NFL immediately.

21. Taven Bryan, DT, Florida

Bryan had a breakout season in 2017, finishing with 40 tackles, 6.0 TFL and 4.0 sacks in 11 starts. He has elite first-step quickness, which he showed off at the combine (1.68 10-yard split). His explosiveness stands out on tape and his workout matched it. The top two drills that correlate to NFL success for defensive tackles are vertical jump (38 inches) and 20-yard shuttle (4.48), and Bryan had elite results in both drills.

22. Will Hernandez, G, UTEP

Hernandez is a mauler in the running game at 6-foot-2 and 327 pounds, and showed off his strength at the combine with 37 reps on the bench press. He has been a steady riser after a terrific Senior Bowl.

23. Connor Williams, OT, Texas*

A true junior who had started all 23 games in which he appeared entering 2017, Williams is an athletic, scheme-versatile blocker with a high ceiling. Unfortunately, he suffered a sprained MCL and PCL in his left knee, along with a meniscus tear, against USC and missed most of the season. We still don't know exactly how healthy that knee is, but he crushed his combine workout, putting up a 34-inch vertical and 5.05-second 40.

24. James Daniels, C, Iowa*

Daniels solidified himself as the top center in the class, but that's mostly because Billy Price tore his left pectoral muscle on the bench press at the combine. An athletic player, he topped all linemen with a 7.29-second three-cone drill, and should be a first-rounder come April.

25. Jaire Alexander, CB, Louisville*

Alexander missed six games because of injury last season, but had five interceptions in 2016 and clearly has playmaking instincts. He's a little small (5-foot-10, 196 pounds) for an elite outside CB, but his blazing 4.38 40 certainly raised his stock. A competitive corner who can play outside or in the slot, he has worked his way into the Round 1 conversation.

26. Hayden Hurst, TE, South Carolina*

Hurst was a very versatile player at South Carolina, where he walked on in 2015 after being in the Pittsburgh Pirates' minor league system. He will be a 25-year-old rookie when the season starts. A solid prospect with good hands who can stretch the seam, he's the clear No. 2 TE in the class right now.

27. Derrius Guice, RB, LSU*

Guice isn't Leonard Fournette, but he has an impressive combination of size, power and quickness. He also shows the ability to stick his foot in the ground and accelerate upfield. He played very well late in the season after a slow start, racking up more than 1,200 yards and 11 TDs. After a strong 4.49 in the 40 at the combine, he is my No. 2-ranked RB.

28. Mike McGlinchey, OT, Notre Dame

In 2016, McGlinchey moved from right tackle to the left side vacated by Ravens first-round pick Ronnie Stanley. An above-average zone blocker, McGlinchey plays angles well and gives good effort. He does everything well, but isn't outstanding in any one area. A high-floor prospect.

29. Sony Michel, RB, Georgia

Grade: 87 | Previous rank: NR

Michel wasn't the featured back at Georgia, but I think he'll be the first Bulldogs RB off the board. Michel has an intriguing combination of size and burst, and he's a better pass-catcher than his production would indicate. His acceleration and body control were on display versus Alabama.

30. Billy Price, C, Ohio State

After starting 55 games and twice earning All-America honors, Price is a plug-and-play NFL starter who should be steady in the league. A torn left pectoral at the combine will likely hurt his stock, but early signs indicate he'll be ready for training camp.

31. Isaiah Wynn, G, Georgia

A three-year starter at left guard and left tackle for Georgia, Wynn, finished with 51 games played and 41 starts during his four-year career. Wynn stood out as one of the premier players at this year's Senior Bowl despite dealing with a torn labrum. He had surgery in late January and is expected to be ready for training camp. He is a complete player with a high-level blend of agility, balance, power and technique.

32. Harold Landry, OLB, Boston College

Landry had a disappointing 2017 campaign after leading the nation with 16.5 sacks and seven forced fumbles in 2016. He's an explosive edge rusher with terrific burst, bend and closing speed coming off the edge. I have slight concerns about his length and frame -- he's listed at 6-foot-2, 252 pounds -- but he should be an effective NFL defender and projects as an every-down player.

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Note: Underclassmen are marked with an asterisk.

Quarterbacks

1. *Sam Darnold, USC
2. *Josh Allen, Wyoming
3. *Josh Rosen, UCLA
4. Baker Mayfield, Oklahoma
5. *Lamar Jackson, Louisville
6. Mason Rudolph, Oklahoma State
7. Kyle Lauletta, Richmond
8. Luke Falk, Washington State
9. Mike White, Western Kentucky
10. Logan Woodside, Toledo

Darnold is the clear No. 1 QB in this class in my eyes, but all of the top five QBs have flaws. It's a fascinating group.

Running Backs

1. *Saquon Barkley, Penn State
2. *Derrius Guice, LSU
3. Sony Michel, Georgia
4. *Ronald Jones II, USC
5. Nick Chubb, Georgia
6. Rashaad Penny, San Diego State
7. *Bo Scarbrough, Alabama
8. Kalen Ballage, Arizona State
9. Royce Freeman, Oregon
10. *Kerryon Johnson, Auburn

This group is Barkley and everyone else, but that said it's a really deep class. Scarbrough moves up after a really strong combine performance.

Wide receivers

1. *Calvin Ridley, Alabama
2. *Christian Kirk, Texas A&M
3. *D.J. Moore, Maryland
4. *Courtland Sutton, SMU
5. D.J. Chark, LSU
6. *Jordan Lasley, UCLA
7. Anthony Miller, Memphis
8. Antonio Callaway, Florida
9. James Washington, Oklahoma State
10. DaeSean Hamilton, Penn State

Moore is the big riser in this group, after a 4.42 40 at the combine. Chark has had a strong postseason at the Senior Bowl and in Indy.

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Tight ends

1. Dallas Goedert, South Dakota State
2. *Hayden Hurst, South Carolina
3. Mike Gesicki, Penn State
4. *Mark Andrews, Oklahoma
5. Jordan Akins, UCF
6. Ian Thomas, Indiana
7. Will Dissly, Washington
8. Troy Fumagalli, Wisconsin
9. *Ryan Izzo, Florida State
10. Tyler Conklin, Central Michigan

Hurst is the big mover here, and has worked himself into the first-round conversation.

Offensive tackles

1. *Connor Williams, Texas
2. Mike McGlinchey, Notre Dame
3. Tyrell Crosby, Oregon
4. Geron Christian, Louisville
5. *Brian O'Neill, Pitt
6. *Kolton Miller, UCLA
7. *Orlando Brown, Oklahoma
8. Desmond Harrison, West Georgia
9. Jamarco Jones, Ohio State
10. Chukwuma Okorafor, Western Michigan

This tackle class is weaker than it has been in recent years. Not a good draft if you're a team looking to fill a serious need on the edge of the offensive line.

Centers/Guards

1. *Quenton Nelson, G, Notre Dame
2. *James Daniels, C, Iowa
3. Will Hernandez, G, UTEP
4. Billy Price, C, Ohio State
5. Isaiah Wynn, G, Georgia
6. Martinas Rankin, Mississippi State
7. Austin Corbett, G, Nevada
8. Frank Ragnow, C, Arkansas
9. Braden Smith, G, Auburn
10. Mason Cole, C, Michigan

Nelson is my No. 2 prospect and is rock solid as a player. This is a strong group of interior linemen at the top.

Inside linebackers

1. Rashaan Evans, Alabama
2. *Leighton Vander Esch, Boise State
3. Josey Jewell, Iowa
4. Micah Kiser, Virginia
5. Nick DeLuca, North Dakota State
6. Shaun Dion Hamilton, Alabama
7. Mike McCray, Michigan
8. Jack Cichy, Wisconsin
9. Fred Warner, BYU
10. Chris Worley, Ohio State

Evans made great strides this season after moving into the starting role late last year and is a likely first-round pick. Vander Esch might end up playing on the outside.

Outside linebackers

1. *Tremaine Edmunds, Virginia Tech
2. *Roquan Smith, Georgia
3. Harold Landry, Boston College
4. Lorenzo Carter, Georgia
5. *Jerome Baker, Ohio State
6. Darius Leonard, South Carolina State
7. Uchenna Nwosu, USC
8. *Malik Jefferson, Texas
9. Obo Okoronkwo, Oklahoma
10. Jeff Holland, Auburn

Edmunds and Smith are the cream of the crop here, and both could go in the top 10.

Cornerbacks

1. *Denzel Ward, Ohio State
2. *Mike Hughes, UCF
3. *Josh Jackson, Iowa
4. *Jaire Alexander, Louisville
5. *Donte Jackson, LSU
6. *M.J. Stewart, North Carolina
7. *Isaiah Oliver, Colorado
8. *Carlton Davis, Auburn
9. Anthony Averett, Alabama
10. Chris Campbell, Penn State

A really deep crop of cornerbacks, this is a strong class.

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Safeties

1. *Minkah Fitzpatrick, Alabama
2. *Derwin James, Florida State
3. *Jessie Bates III, Wake Forest
4. *Ronnie Harrison, Alabama
5. *Justin Reid, Stanford
6. Armani Watts, Texas A&M
7. Kyzir White, West Virginia
8. Quin Blanding, Virginia
9. Marcus Allen, Penn State
10. *Terrell Edmunds, Virginia Tech

Bates III has been a big riser. James is back in the top half of the first round conversation after a terrific combine workout.

Defensive ends

1. Bradley Chubb, NC State
2. Marcus Davenport, UTSA
3. *Rasheem Green, USC
4. *Arden Key, LSU
5. *Sam Hubbard, Ohio State
6. Jalyn Holmes, Ohio State
7. *Josh Sweat, Florida State
8. Tyquan Lewis, Ohio State
9. Andrew Brown, Virginia
10. Da'Shawn Hand, Alabama

There is a definite drop-off in this group after Chubb and Davenport.

Defensive tackles

1. *Vita Vea, Washington
2. *Da'Ron Payne, Alabama
3. *Taven Bryan, Florida
4. *Harrison Phillips, Stanford
5. Mo Hurst, Michigan
7. B.J. Hill, NC State
8. Nathan Shepherd, Fort Hays State
9. *RJ McIntosh, Miami (Fla.)
10. Derrick Nnadi, Florida State

Hurst's heart condition that forced him out of the combine will be worth monitoring going forward.

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NAME	POS	HT	WT	SCHOOL	GRADE	OVR RANK
Saquon Barkley*	RB	6'0"	233	Penn State	**97**	1
Quenton Nelson	OG	6'5"	325	Notre Dame	**95**	2
Sam Darnold*	QB	6'3⅜"	221	USC	**94**	3
Bradley Chubb	DE	6'4⅜"	269	NC State	**94**	4
Tremaine Edmunds*	OLB	6'4½"	253	Virginia Tech	**94**	5
Minkah Fitzpatrick*	S	6'0⅛"	204	Alabama	**94**	6
Josh Allen*	QB	6'4⅞"	237	Wyoming	**92**	7
Josh Rosen*	QB	6'4"	226	UCLA	**92**	8
Denzel Ward*	CB	5'10⅞"	183	Ohio State	**92**	9
Roquan Smith*	OLB	6'0⅞"	236	Georgia	**92**	10
Vita Vea*	DT	6'4"	347	Washington	**92**	11
Derwin James*	S	6'1¾"	215	Florida State	**92**	12
Baker Mayfield	QB	6'0⅝"	215	Oklahoma	**91**	13
Mike Hughes*	CB	5'10⅛"	189	UCF	**91**	14
Da'Ron Payne*	DT	6'2½"	311	Alabama	**91**	15
Marcus Davenport	DE	6'5¾"	264	UT San Antonio	**91**	16
Rashaan Evans	LB	6'1⅞"	232	Alabama	**91**	17
Calvin Ridley*	WR	6'0½"	189	Alabama	**90**	18
Josh Jackson*	CB	6'0⅜"	196	Iowa	**90**	19
Dallas Goedert	TE	6'4⅝"	256	South Dakota St.	**90**	20
Taven Bryan*	DT	6'5"	291	Florida	**89**	21
Will Hernandez	OG	6'2⅜"	327	UTEP	**89**	22
Connor Williams*	OG	6'5⅛"	296	Texas	**88**	23
James Daniels*	C	6'3⅜"	306	Iowa	**89**	24
Jaire Alexander*	CB	5'10¼"	196	Louisville	**88**	25
Isaiah Oliver*	CB	6'0¼"	201	Colorado	**87**	26
Hayden Hurst*	TE	6'4½"	250	South Carolina	**87**	27
Derrius Guice*	RB	5'10½"	224	LSU	**87**	28
Sony Michel	RB	5'10⅝"	214	Georgia	**86**	29
Billy Price	C	6'3¾"	305	Ohio State	**86**	30
Christian Kirk*	WR	5'10⅜"	201	Texas A&M	**86**	31
Isaiah Wynn	OG	6'2⅜"	313	Georgia	**86**	32
Harold Landry	OLB	6'2⅜"	252	Boston College	**86**	33
D.J. Moore*	WR	6'0"	210	Maryland	**85**	34
Ronnie Harrison*	S	6'2"	207	Alabama	**85**	35
Harrison Phillips	DT	6'3¼"	307	Stanford	**85**	36
M.J. Stewart	CB	5'10⅞"	200	North Carolina	**85**	37
Lamar Jackson*	QB	6'2¼"	216	Louisville	**85**	38
Ronald Jones II*	RB	5'11"	205	USC	**85**	39
Tyrell Crosby	OT	6'4⅝"	309	Oregon	**85**	40
Rasheem Green*	DE	6'4¼"	275	USC	**84**	41
Lorenzo Carter	OLB	6'4⅞"	250	Georgia	**84**	42
Justin Reid*	S	6'0½"	207	Stanford	**84**	43
Jessie Bates III*	S	6'1⅛"	200	Wake Forest	**84**	44
Mike McGlinchey	OT	6'7⅞"	309	Notre Dame	**84**	45
Geron Christian*	OT	6'5⅛"	298	Louisville	**83**	46
Courtland Sutton*	WR	6'3⅜"	218	SMU	**83**	47
Brian O'Neill*	OT	6'6⅞"	297	Pittsburgh	**83**	48
Donte Jackson*	CB	5'10½"	178	LSU	**83**	49
Arden Key*	DE	6'4⅞"	238	LSU	**83**	50
Sam Hubbard*	DE	6'5⅜"	270	Ohio State	**83**	51

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Geron Christian*	OT	6'5⅛"	298	Louisville	**83**	46
Courtland Sutton*	WR	6'3⅜"	218	SMU	**83**	47
Brian O'Neill*	OT	6'6⅞"	297	Pittsburgh	**83**	48
Donte Jackson*	CB	5'10½"	178	LSU	**83**	49
Arden Key*	DE	6'4⅞"	238	LSU	**83**	50
Sam Hubbard*	DE	6'5⅜"	270	Ohio State	**83**	51
Kolton Miller*	OT	6'8⅝"	309	UCLA	**82**	52
Mo Hurst	DT	6'1¼"	292	Michigan	**82**	53
Jerome Baker*	OLB	6'1⅛"	229	Ohio State	**82**	54
D.J. Chark	WR	6'2⅞"	199	LSU	**82**	55
Mike Gesicki	TE	6'5½"	247	Penn State	**82**	56
Jordan Lasley*	WR	6'1"	203	UCLA	**82**	57
Nick Chubb	RB	5'10⅞"	227	Georgia	**81**	58
Tim Settle*	DT	6'2¾"	329	Virginia Tech	**81**	59
James Washington	WR	5'11"	213	Oklahoma State	**81**	60
Martinas Rankin	C	6'4⅜"	308	Mississippi State	**81**	61
Desmond Harrison	OT	6'6"	292	West Georgia	**81**	62
Carlton Davis*	CB	6'1"	206	Auburn	**80**	63
Anthony Averett	CB	5'11⅛"	183	Alabama	**80**	64
Dante Pettis	WR	6'0½"	186	Washington	**80**	65
B.J. Hill	DT	6'3¼"	311	NC State	**80**	66
Austin Corbett	OG	6'4⅜"	306	Nevada	**80**	67
Rashaad Penny	RB	5'11"	220	San Diego State	**80**	68
Leighton Vander Esch*	LB	6'4¼"	256	Boise State	**80**	69
Frank Ragnow	C	6'5⅛"	312	Arkansas	**79**	70
Chukwuma Okorafor	OT	6'6"	320	Western Michigan	**79**	71
Tyquan Lewis	DE	6'3¼"	269	Ohio State	**79**	72
Derrick Nnadi	DT	6'1"	317	Florida State	**79**	73
Obo Okoronkwo	OLB	6'1⅝"	253	Oklahoma	**79**	74
Chris Campbell	CB	6'0¾"	195	Penn State	**78**	75
Anthony Miller	WR	5'11⅛"	201	Memphis	**78**	76
Braden Smith	OG	6'6¼"	315	Auburn	**78**	77
Equanimeous St. Brown*	WR	6'4¾"	214	Notre Dame	**78**	78
Mason Rudolph	QB	6'4⅝"	235	Oklahoma State	**78**	79
Nathan Shepherd	DT	6'3¾"	315	Fort Hays State	**78**	80
Deon Cain*	WR	6'1⅞"	202	Clemson	**77**	81
Jalyn Holmes	DE	6'4⅞"	283	Ohio State	**77**	82
Nick Nelson*	CB	5'10⅝"	200	Wisconsin	**77**	83
RJ McIntosh*	DT	6'4½"	286	Miami	**76**	84
Bo Scarbrough*	RB	6'1⅜"	228	Alabama	**76**	85
Darius Leonard	OLB	6'2"	234	South Carolina St.	**75**	86
Mark Andrews*	TE	6'5⅛"	256	Oklahoma	**75**	87
Kalen Ballage	RB	6'1½"	228	Arizona State	**75**	88
Kyle Lauletta	QB	6'2⅝"	222	Richmond	**74**	89
Jordan Akins	TE	6'3"	249	UCF	**74**	90
Josh Sweat*	DE	6'4¾"	251	Florida State	**74**	91
Armani Watts	S	5'10½"	202	Texas A&M	**74**	92

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Michael Dickson*	P	6'3"	205	Texas	**73**	93
Uchenna Nwosu	OLB	6'2⅛"	251	USC	**73**	94
Mason Cole	C	6'4⅛"	305	Michigan	**72**	95
Malik Jefferson*	OLB	6'2¼"	236	Texas	**72**	96
Andrew Brown	DE	6'3⅜"	296	Virginia	**72**	97
J.C. Jackson*	CB	5'9¾"	201	Maryland	**71**	98
Duke Ejiofor	DE	6'3⅛"	267	Wake Forest	**71**	99
Hercules Mata'afa*	DT	6'2¼"	254	Washington State	**71**	100
Kyzir White	S	6'1⅞"	218	West Virginia	**71**	101
Josey Jewell	LB	6'1"	234	Iowa	**71**	102
Royce Freeman	RB	5'11½"	229	Oregon	**71**	103
Luke Falk	QB	6'3⅝"	215	Washington State	**70**	104
Deadrin Senat	DT	6'0"	314	South Florida	**70**	105
Kerryon Johnson*	RB	5'11½"	213	Auburn	**70**	106
Akrum Wadley	RB	5'9⅞"	194	Iowa	**69**	107
Mike White	QB	6'4⅝"	224	Western Kentucky	**69**	108
Matt Pryor	OT	6'7"	358	TCU	**69**	109
Taron Johnson	CB	5'11⅛"	192	Weber State	**69**	110
Auden Tate*	WR	6'4⅞"	228	Florida State	**68**	111
Holton Hill*	CB	6'1⅝"	196	Texas	**68**	112
Orlando Brown*	OT	6'7⅞"	345	Oklahoma	**68**	113
Ian Thomas	TE	6'3⅝"	259	Indiana	**67**	114
Nyheim Hines*	RB	5'8⅜"	198	NC State	**67**	115
DaeSean Hamilton	WR	6'0⅝"	203	Penn State	**67**	116
Da'Shawn Hand	DE	6'3⅝"	297	Alabama	**67**	117
Jamarco Jones	OT	6'4"	299	Ohio State	**66**	118
Keke Coutee*	WR	5'9¾"	181	Texas Tech	**66**	119
Allen Lazard	WR	6'5"	225	Iowa State	**66**	120
Will Richardson*	OT	6'5⅝"	306	NC State	**66**	121
Duke Dawson	CB	5'10⅝"	197	Florida	**66**	122
Justin Jones	DT	6'2½"	309	NC State	**66**	123
Quin Blanding	S	6'2"	207	Virginia	**65**	124
Mark Walton*	RB	5'9⅝"	202	Miami	**65**	125
Tarvarus McFadden*	CB	6'2¼"	204	Florida State	**65**	126
J'Mon Moore	WR	6'2⅝"	207	Missouri	**64**	127
Wyatt Teller	OG	6'4½"	301	Virginia Tech	**64**	128
Marcus Allen	S	6'2⅛"	215	Penn State	**64**	129
Micah Kiser	LB	6'0⅜"	238	Virginia	**64**	130
Simmie Cobbs*	WR	6'3⅛"	220	Indiana	**64**	131
Terrell Edmunds*	S	6'0½"	217	Virginia Tech	**63**	132
Jeff Holland*	OLB	6'1⅜"	249	Auburn	**63**	133
Danny Johnson	CB	5'9¼"	181	Southern	**63**	134
Michael Joseph	CB	6'0⅝"	187	Dubuque	**62**	135
D'Montre Wade	CB	5'11⅛"	206	Murray State	**62**	136
Trenton Thompson*	DT	6'2⅝"	288	Georgia	**62**	137
Nick DeLuca	LB	6'2⅝"	251	North Dakota St.	**62**	138

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Skai Moore	OLB	6'2¼"	226	South Carolina	**61**	139
Brandon Parker	OT	6'7⅝"	305	North Carolina A&T	**61**	140
Josh Adams*	RB	6'1⅝"	213	Notre Dame	**61**	141
Troy Fumagalli	TE	6'4¾"	247	Wisconsin	**61**	142
Cedrick Wilson	WR	6'2"	188	Boise State	**61**	143
Isaac Yiadom	CB	6'0⅞"	190	Boston College	**60**	144
Kemoko Turay	DE	6'4⅝"	253	Rutgers	**60**	145
Jordan Whitehead*	S	5'10⅜"	198	Pittsburgh	**60**	146
Kurt Benkert	QB	6'2⅝"	218	Virginia	**60**	147
Chase Edmonds	RB	5'9⅛"	205	Fordham	**60**	148
Tre'Quan Smith*	WR	6'2"	210	UCF	**60**	149
Kevin Toliver*	CB	6'2"	192	LSU	**59**	150
Chad Thomas	DE	6'5"	281	Miami	**59**	151
Kendall Joseph*	ILB	6'0"	225	Clemson	**53**	152
Folorunso Fatukasi	DT	6'3¾"	318	UConn	**59**	152
Will Clapp*	OG	6'4½"	314	LSU	**59**	153
Deontay Burnett*	WR	5'11⅝"	186	USC	**59**	154
Dominik Sanders	S	5'11¼"	193	Georgia	**30**	154
Antonio Callaway*	WR	5'10⅝"	200	Florida	**59**	155
Shaun Dion Hamilton	LB	5'11¾"	228	Alabama	**58**	156
Kylie Fitts	DE	6'3¾"	263	Utah	**58**	157
Scott Quessenberry	C	6'4"	315	UCLA	**58**	158
Toby Weathersby*	OT	6'4⅜"	317	LSU	**58**	159
John Kelly*	RB	5'9⅞"	216	Tennessee	**58**	160
Ryan Izzo*	TE	6'4⅝"	256	Florida State	**58**	161
Daylon Mack*	DT	6'1"	320	Texas A&M	**50**	162
Marcell Ateman	WR	6'4½"	216	Oklahoma State	**58**	162
Shaquem Griffin	OLB	6'0⅜"	227	UCF	**57**	163
Darius Phillips	CB	5'9⅞"	193	Western Michigan	**57**	164
Sean Welsh	OG	6'3"	300	Iowa	**57**	165
Trayvon Henderson	S	6'0⅛"	204	Hawai'i	**56**	166
Sam Jones*	OG	6'4⅝"	290	Arizona State	**56**	167
Tyler Conklin	TE	6'3"	254	Central Michigan	**56**	168
Chandon Sullivan	CB	5'10¾"	194	Georgia State	**55**	169
Dorance Armstrong Jr.*	DE	6'3⅝"	257	Kansas	**55**	170

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Grading Scale

90-100 Rare Prospect
Player demonstrates rare abilities and can create mismatches that have an obvious impact on the game. Is a premier college player that has all the skill to take over a game and play at a championship level. He rates in the top 5 players in the nation at his position and is considered a first round draft prospect.

80-89 Outstanding Prospect
Player has abilities to create mismatches versus most opponents in the NFL. A feature player that has an impact on the outcome of the game. Cannot be shut down by a single player and plays on a consistent level week in and week out. He rates in the top 10 at his position and is considered a second round draft prospect.

70-79 Solid Prospect
Still a standout player at the college level that is close to being an elite player. He has no glaring weaknesses and will usually win his individual matchups, but does not dominate in every game, especially when matched up against the top players in the country. He will usually rate in the top third of players at his position and is considered a third round draft prospect.

60-69 Good Prospect
This player is an good starter that will give a solid effort week in and week out, but he is overmatched versus the better players in the nation. His weaknesses will be exposed against top competition. He is usually a prospect that is missing something from his game. For example, he has the size and skills to be an outstanding prospect, but lacks the speed. He will usually rate in the top half of the players at his position and is considered a middle round draft choice.

50-59 Adequate Prospect
These are usually players that play at a high level in college, but lack some measurables or skills to play at that same level in the NFL. He may be a player that has a lot of developmental qualities, or could be a player that will contribute right away on special teams or in a situational capacity. He will usually rate in the second-third at his position and is considered a fifth round draft choice.

21-49 Borderline Draft Prospect
These are players that teams like something about, but certainly do not have the full package in terms of NFL talent. A lot of times, teams will take chances on character players or developmental type athletes with this grade. And often, these are players that come from smaller schools or did not standout at the college level. NFL teams are looking for 'diamonds in the rough' with this type of prospect. He will usually rate in the bottom third of players at his position and will be considered a late round draft choice or un-drafted free agent.

20 Free Agent Prospect
These are players that did not make our original 'evaluation list' but are prospects that need to be monitored. Especially in the pre-season, these players will fluctuate up and down depending on performance in their final year of eligibility.

10 Not a legitimate Prospect
These are players that lack NFL measurables and/or skills. They are players that we feel would not even make a solid contribution as a training camp body.

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Quarterback
1. Sam Darnold, USC
2. Josh Allen, Wyoming
3. Josh Rosen, UCLA
4. Baker Mayfield, Oklahoma
T-5. Lamar Jackson, Louisville
T-5. Mason Rudolph, Oklahoma State

Running Back
1. Saquon Barkley, Penn State
2. Derrius Guice, LSU
3. Ronald Jones II, USC
4. Sony Michel, Georgia
5. Nick Chubb, Georgia

Wide receiver
1. Calvin Ridley, Alabama
2. Christian Kirk, Texas A&M
3. Courtland Sutton, SMU
4. James Washington, Oklahoma State
T-5. Dante Pettis, Washington
T-5. DJ Moore, Maryland
T-5. Anthony Miller, Memphis

Tight end
1. Hayden Hurst, South Carolina
2. Dallas Goedert, South Dakota State
3. Mike Gesicki, Penn State
4. Mark Andrews, Oklahoma
5. Will Dissly, Washington

Tackle
1. Mike McGlinchey, Notre Dame
2. Orlando Brown, Oklahoma
3. Connor Williams, Texas
4. Tyrell Crosby, Oregon
T-5. Martinas Rankin, Mississippi State
T-5. Kolton Miller, UCLA

Interior OL
1. Quenton Nelson, Notre Dame
2. Isaiah Wynn, Georgia
3. James Daniels, Iowa
4. Will Hernandez, UTEP
5. Billy Price, Ohio State

Interior DL
1. Vita Vea, Washington
2. Da'Ron Payne, Alabama
3. Maurice Hurst, Michigan
4. Taven Bryan, Florida
5. Harrison Phillips, Stanford

Edge rusher
1. Bradley Chubb, N.C. State
2. Marcus Davenport, UTSA
3. Arden Key, LSU
4. Harold Landry, Boston College
5. Sam Hubbard, Ohio State

Linebacker
1. Tremaine Edmunds, Virginia Tech
2. Roquan Smith, Georgia
3. Leighton Vander Esch, Boise State
4. Rashaan Evans, Alabama
5. Uchenna Nwosu, USC

Cornerback
1. Denzel Ward, Ohio State
2. Josh Jackson, Iowa
3. Mike Hughes, UCF
4. Isaiah Oliver, Colorado
5. Jaire Alexander, Louisville

Safety
1. Minkah Fitzpatrick, Alabama
2. Derwin James, Florida State
3. Ronnie Harrison, Alabama
4. Jessie Bates III, Wake Forest
5. Justin Reid, Stanford

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RANK 1

Saquon Barkley, RB, Penn State

Barkley is one of the most dynamic running backs to enter the NFL in the last decade. He's built like a brick house, with an extremely thick/muscular lower body. On inside runs, he's quick to press the line of scrimmage before stopping, sorting and then exploding through the hole. When he decides to bounce the ball outside, Barkley has an incredible lateral burst. He's at his best on stretch runs. When he puts his foot in the ground and drives upfield, his suddenness is exceptional. He rarely drops his shoulder on contact, but his lower-body strength allows him to power through tacklers, and he also possesses a violent stiff arm. He has elite home-run speed and can make defenders miss at the second and third level without gearing down. Barkley's a versatile weapon in the passing game, capable of splitting out wide and running receiver routes with ease. He has natural hands. He's also reliable in pass protection, displaying both awareness and willingness. Overall, Barkley is capable of becoming the best player at his position very early in his NFL career.

RANK 2

Quenton Nelson, OG, Notre Dame

Nelson lined up at left guard for the Irish this past season and that is where he projects at the next level. He has a thick, hulking build -- and he's the nastiest offensive line prospect I've ever evaluated. In the run game, he is quick out of his stance and has the ability to completely wash opposing players down the line of scrimmage. He rolls his hips on contact, locks on with a powerful grip and doesn't let up until he's finished the job. Nelson is very effective when he works up to the second level on combo blocks and pulls. He can adjust in space and he blocks through the whistle consistently. In pass protection, Nelson possesses an immediate anchor vs. power rushers and effortlessly handles twists and stunts. Overall, Nelson has all of the tools to be the best run blocker in the NFL and he'll be reliable in pass protection. He's the easiest player to evaluate in this draft class.

RANK 3

Bradley Chubb, DE, N.C. State 1▲

Chubb has ideal size, strength and instincts. He primarily lines up with his hand down, but did stand up at times for the Wolfpack. As a pass rusher, he has a good get-off, but he is an outstanding technician with his hands. He wins with rip moves, swipe moves and a powerful bull rush. He can bend and wrap the edge. Chubb's motor never stops. His ability to finish is outstanding and it's reflected in his production. He was asked to drop into coverage some, and while he's serviceable in this capacity, he's best served moving forward, not backward. Against the run, he shocks blockers with his hands. He can locate the ball and close ground quickly. He dominates tight ends. Overall, Chubb has a natural feel as a pass rusher and should be a double-digit sack artist very early in his career.

RANK 4

Denzel Ward, CB, Ohio State 4▲

Ward is an undersized cornerback (5-foot-10, 191 pounds, per school measurements) with excellent quickness, toughness and ball skills. In press coverage, he is patient and he'll catch and re-route before settling on the receivers and mirroring down the field. In off coverage, he is a fluid mover and explodes out of his plant to drive on the football. He is very twitched up. Ward's ball awareness is excellent -- he can locate and high-point the ball down the field. His lack of size does show up on occasion vs. taller opponents, but overall, he plays much bigger than his height. He's very aggressive in run support and has some snap on contact as a tackler. At the end of the day, Ward might lack ideal size, but he is a very skilled player and I love his competitiveness. He reminds me of a young **Adam Jones**.

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RANK **5**

Tremaine Edmunds, LB, Virginia Tech

2 ▼

Edmunds has a unique blend of size, length and athleticism. He primarily lines up off the line of scrimmage, but does get some work rushing off the edge. Against the run, he is quick to key, fill and finish as a tackler. He has rare lateral range and collects tackles from sideline to sideline. The former Hokie flashes the ability to shoot his hands and play off blocks, but this is one area where he can improve. Against the pass, he easily mirrors running backs and tight ends; there are even examples of him matching up and redirecting vs. slot receivers. He offers tremendous upside as an edge rusher, where he can dip/rip and bend around the edge. Overall, Edmunds has All-Pro ability. His upside is outrageous.

RANK **6**

Minkah Fitzpatrick, S, Alabama

1 ▼

Fitzpatrick is an outstanding playmaker who possesses the versatility to play every position in the secondary. He primarily lined up as the nickel this past season, but he played cornerback as well as safety in previous campaigns. He's at his best when allowed to float and keep his eyes on the quarterback. He has outstanding instincts, anticipation and ball skills. In man coverage, he has the size and speed to match up with both the big/physical pass-catchers as well as the smaller/quicker wideouts. He does have some hip tightness when he changes direction, but he recovers quickly because of his explosiveness. Against the run, he's aggressive to attack the line of scrimmage and is a very dependable tackler in space. He's an outstanding blitzer, displaying timing and burst. I love the energy and enthusiasm he brings to the defense. Overall, I see Fitzpatrick as a dynamic safety on run downs and a playmaking nickel on passing downs. He's a bigger version of **Tyrann Mathieu** and I think he will make a similar impact in the league.

RANK **7**

Sam Darnold, QB, USC

1 ▼

Darnold has a thick/sturdy frame and the desired height for the position. He operated in the shotgun in the Trojans' offense. He has quick feet in his setup and throws from a wide base. He has a long, loopy throwing motion, but it's actually very quick and explosive – and he has shown the ability to tighten it up at times. He has very quick eyes to work through progressions and throws with excellent anticipation. He's adept at changing ball speed and ball flight. He has enough velocity to fit balls into tight windows. Once he improves his weight transfer from his back foot to his front foot, he will see an uptick in accuracy and velocity. Darnold is a very nifty athlete, capable of escaping free rushers and creating explosive plays downfield. He's also a very competitive runner who fights for extra yards. His biggest issue has been his propensity to fumble the ball. He needs to do a better job of keeping both hands on the ball in the pocket and covering the ball up once he takes off. Overall, Darnold has some areas to clean up, but I love his size, competitiveness and ability to make plays on and off schedule.

RANK **8**

Josh Rosen, QB, UCLA

1 ▼

Rosen has ideal height/weight for his position, although he does have a narrow frame. He's the best pure passer in the draft. Rosen is precise in his drop and throws from a firm platform. He has a sharp, quick release and throws a majestic ball. He's at his best in rhythm/on-time throws. His anticipation is excellent, as is his ball placement. He has plenty of velocity to make every throw. Issues arise when he's under duress. He struggles to create on his own and his accuracy suffers when he's forced off his original launch point. When a lane opens up, he will pick up the free yards with his feet, but he needs to improve his ability to escape when pressured. Durability is also a concern. Overall, I think Rosen is ready to play right away, but he needs to continue to develop his off-script skills.

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RANK 9

Derwin James, S, Florida State

2 ▲

James is a versatile talent with exceptional size, speed and physicality. He lined up all over the field for the Seminoles. He took snaps at both safety spots, nickel cornerback, sub-package linebacker and was asked to rush from the outside linebacker position on occasion during his collegiate career. In my opinion, he's more valuable when he plays closer to the line of scrimmage. He excels covering backs and tight ends and is a dynamic blitzer. When he lines up as the deep safety, he lacks ideal anticipation and needs to improve his angles to the alley in run support. He doesn't have a ton of ball production, but that will improve once he settles into a more defined role. When he's aligned in the box, he is quick to key/read against the run; he explodes to and through ball carriers. His lateral range is outstanding and he makes a lot of plays from the back side. To see his game speed, watch him run down Lamar Jackson in the Louisville contest. Overall, I see James as a box safety or weak-side linebacker at the next level.

RANK 10

Vita Vea, DT, Washington

1 ▼

Vea is a massive defensive tackle prospect with remarkable power, quickness and agility. He's a dominant run defender, routinely resetting the line of scrimmage against both individual blockers and double-teams. He's quick to shoot his hands, latch on and toss opposing blockers before quickly pursuing the football. He has rare lateral range for a 340-pound defender. He also flashes the ability to use his quickness to split gaps and create negative plays. As a pass rusher, he has a nasty slap/swim move. He can roll his hips and generate pocket push with his power. There are times where he plays too tall and consequently gets controlled. That can be improved. Overall, Vea is a more athletic version of **Haloti Ngata** and should quickly emerge as a **Pro Bowl** player.

RANK 11

Roquan Smith, LB, Georgia

8 ▲

Smith is an undersized inside linebacker with excellent instincts and range. Against inside runs, he uses his quickness to beat blockers to spots and is a firm, chest-up tackler. He does need to improve his hand usage because once blockers get into him, he struggles to free himself. He's at his best against perimeter runs. Smith brings outstanding recognition and covers ground quickly. I believe he projects best as a 4-3 WLB where he would be able to use his speed to run-and-chase without having to mix it up inside. Against the pass, he has the speed and agility to cover RBs and TEs. He's an excellent blitzer. Smith might lack the ideal bulk, but he's a playmaker against both the run and pass.

RANK 12

Marcus Davenport, DE, UTSA

2 ▼

Davenport is a raw edge rusher with outstanding size, length and explosiveness. He aligned in a two-point stance for UTSA but could easily play with his hand in the ground as a 4-3 defensive end at the next level. As a pass rusher, he has a very quick first step and flashes the power to bull through tight ends and offensive tackles. He doesn't always have a game plan and that will lead to him stalling out if he doesn't win early in the down. His ability to bend and wrap around the edge is very impressive for his size. He's a little segmented right now, but once he gets his feet and hands to work together, he will emerge as a double-digit sack artist. In the run game, he dominates tight ends at the point of attack. His effort and speed from the back side is outstanding. Overall, Davenport isn't a finished product, but I'm bullish on his future because of his rare size, athleticism and effort.

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RANK
13

Baker Mayfield, QB, Oklahoma

Mayfield lacks the ideal height for the quarterback position, but he has a muscled-up/square build similar to **Russell Wilson**. He operated in the shotgun for the Sooners. He has a unique setup: He's very frenetic, but he's consistently accurate despite throwing from a variety of platforms and arm angles. He generates a lot of torque from his lower body. You need to see him play in person to fully appreciate the way the ball jumps out of his hand. His offensive line did a nice job of keeping him clean at OU, but when pressured, he showed the ability to extend plays while keeping his eyes down the field. He's accurate on the move and while he lacks top speed, he is very effective on designed QB runs. The biggest challenge in his evaluation involves the lack of tight-window throws he's had to make. It will take some time for him to adjust to the lack of space at the next level. There are some questions about his maturity on and off the field. Long story short, Mayfield might lack ideal size, but I love his accuracy, playmaking skills and toughness. He has the tools to be a quality NFL starting quarterback early in his career.

RANK
14

Josh Allen, QB, Wyoming

Allen has ideal size, arm strength and mobility. At Wyoming, he split time underneath and in the shotgun. He has quick feet in his setup and a smooth, fluid release. He's at his best driving the ball to the outside. He generates outrageous velocity and can squeeze the ball into very tight windows. He must improve on touch throws, but he has shown the ability to change ball speed and throw with loft. He needs to throw with more anticipation and there are times where he really locks onto his initial read, which can lead to pass breakups and turnovers. While he has room to improve on his overall ball placement, there were numerous dropped balls by his receivers in every game I studied. Allen's combination of athleticism and strength allows him to avoid free rushers and shake off tacklers. He's an aggressive runner and he's been effective on designed QB runs as well as scrambles. Allen isn't a finished product, but he offers unlimited upside, provided his drafting team exercises patience.

RANK
15

Da'Ron Payne, DT, Alabama

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Payne is a powerful, run-stuffing defensive tackle with pass-rush upside. Against the run, he launches out of his stance and quickly shoots his hands to generate knock-back against single blocks. He will also use a quick slap/swim to disrupt. He holds up well vs. double-teams and has tremendous lateral range. As a pass rusher, he has a quick get-off, but he needs to develop a plan. Most of his pressure is the result of his swim move. He needs to work on counter moves. His effort is excellent. Overall, Payne is built to dominate on run downs right now. He has the athletic ability and power to emerge as a much better pass rusher in the near future. He helped himself at the NFL **Scouting Combine**.

RANK
16

Jaire Alexander, CB, Louisville

7 ▲

Alexander is a tough, instinctive cornerback prospect. He spent the majority of his time on the outside at Louisville, but he did take a few reps at the nickel spot. He's excellent in press coverage. He consistently re-routes his opponent with a quick two-hand jam. He has a little stiffness when he opens up, but he's rarely out of position underneath or down the field. From off coverage, he has a choppy pedal, but he boasts an excellent burst out of his plant and drive. His route recognition, throw anticipation and ball awareness are elite. He collected several pass breakups in every game I studied. He's very willing in run support and provides some big hits. Overall, Alexander lacks ideal fluidity, but I love his instincts, swagger and ball skills.

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RANK **17**

Derrius Guice, RB, LSU

2 ▼

Guice is a very shifty running back with excellent quickness and power. He has a thick/square build and runs with a very low pad level. On inside runs, he likes to press the hole and pause before using a jump-cut. Once he gets north and south, Guice seeks out second-level defenders and lowers his shoulder on contact. He has excellent contact balance. He doesn't have elite top speed, but his short-area quickness is outstanding. He's effective on perimeter runs, but he's more natural running inside. He was underutilized in the passing game at LSU, but he displayed adequate ball skills. He needs to be more firm in pass protection. Overall, Guice has a nice blend of power and quickness. He's built to carry a heavy workload at the next level.

RANK **18**

Mike Hughes, CB, UCF

2 ▼

Hughes is a fluid, agile cornerback prospect with the versatility to play inside or outside. He has good size and excels in press coverage, where he incorporates a two-hand jam and rarely allows a free release. He has very quick feet. He redirects and mirrors opponents with ease. From off coverage, Hughes has a fluid pedal and shows some pop out of his plant/drive. He's rarely out of phase in coverage, but when he is, he has the speed to recover. His ball awareness is excellent. He isn't a physical tackler, but he goes low and gets the ball carrier on the ground. Hughes did have an off-the-field issue at his previous school (North Carolina). Overall, Hughes is an outstanding cover cornerback and he's ready to start right away at the next level.

RANK **19**

Rashaan Evans, LB, Alabama

8 ▲

Evans is a versatile, playmaking linebacker. He moved all over the field in the Alabama defense. He aligned off the ball in the middle of the defense, stood up outside and even occasionally put his hand in the ground as a defensive end in pass-rush situations. Against the run, he's a tick late to key/read, but once he makes up his mind, he closes in a hurry. He runs right through blockers and if he doesn't make the tackle, he creates a pileup to slow down the ball carrier. He has outstanding speed to range sideline to sideline. He will miss an occasional tackle in space because he rarely breaks down, instead looking for the big hit. In coverage, he can easily mirror tight ends and backs. He will even match up in the slot at times. He isn't a polished pass rusher, but he can win with pure speed and effort. Overall, Evans is a tone-setter on defense and his versatility is a huge asset.

RANK **20**

Ronald Jones II, RB, USC

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Jones is one of the most explosive players in the draft. He's similar to **Jamaal Charles** in size and style. On inside runs, he's very aggressive in attacking the line of scrimmage and can avoid defenders in tight quarters. He has tackle-breaking power as a result of his lower-leg drive and he mixes in a violent stiff arm. He has a good feel for the cutback lane and displays exceptional lateral burst. On outside runs, he easily gets to the perimeter and is elusive in space. Once he gets a step, Jones has elite breakaway speed. He has improved as both a receiver and blocker. He fought the ball as a sophomore, but was more comfortable as a pass-catcher this fall. He is aware in pass pro, but still gets caught on his heels at times. Overall, Jones is a threat to score every time he touches the ball and I love his toughness and upside in the passing game.

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RANK **21**

Connor Williams, OT, Texas

4 ▼

Williams lined up at left tackle for the Longhorns and that is where I'm projecting him to play at the next level. He has excellent height/bulk for the position and average length. In the passing game, he's fluid out of his stance. He possesses the foot quickness to kick out and cover up speed rushers. He's a very easy mover and plays with excellent knee bend. He has a sharp punch, but occasionally, he is late to shoot his hands and allows defenders to get into his chest. In the run game, he can latch and generate movement at the point of attack. However, he gets overaggressive at times, lunging and whiffing. He is very athletic working up to the second level. Overall, Williams didn't play as well last fall (he also missed significant time with injury) as he did the previous season, but I still view him as a quality starting NFL tackle.

RANK **22**

Calvin Ridley, WR, Alabama

Ridley is a lean, explosive receiver who lined up both outside and in the slot for Alabama. He uses a variety of releases to escape press coverage and gets up to top speed in a hurry. He's an excellent route runner. He accelerates into the break point before snapping off and generating separation. He has strong hands to pluck low balls and tracks the deep ball naturally. Ridley is not a physical, 50-50-ball type of player -- his game is more about speed and quickness than strength and power. He's slithery after the catch and uses his speed to create chunk plays after short completions. His production was average, but that is the fault of the offense and quarterback. Overall, Ridley is more than a home-run hitter and I believe he'll be a top-tier No. 2 wideout at the next level.

RANK **23**

James Daniels, C, Iowa

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Daniels is a very athletic and technically proficient center. In the run game, he's extremely quick and effective on reach blocks and second-level blocks. I'm amazed by his ability to stay attached with his hands while he re-works his foot positioning. In pass pro, he plays with outstanding knee bend and balance. He shoots his hands quickly and can anchor against power as well as redirect vs. counters. He's very aware. Daniels is one of the best center prospects I've evaluated in the last five years.

RANK **24**

Taven Bryan, DT, Florida

2 ▲

Bryan is a very athletic, twitched-up defensive tackle. As a pass rusher, he has an excellent get-off. He launches out of his stance and flashes an impressive push/pull move to generate pressure. When he has proper hand placement, he can push the pocket with outstanding power. He does needs to add more hand moves to his arsenal, but he has the raw tools to develop into an outstanding interior pass rusher at the next level. Bryan is very inconsistent against the run. He plays too high, struggles to resist pressure on angle blocks and loses sight of the ball. He's at his best when slanting and shooting gaps. Overall, Bryan isn't a finished product, but he has Pro Bowl-caliber traits and could emerge as a premier interior pass rusher.

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RANK **25**

Will Hernandez, OG, UTEP

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Hernandez has average height and a very thick/square build for the position. He lines up at left guard for the Miners and completely dominates in the run game. He is quick out of his stance and uses his upper strength to torque and dump defenders at the point of attack. He does a nice job of re-working his hands to maintain inside position and maintain leverage. In pass protection, he has the power base to anchor bull rushers and surprising quickness to redirect vs. athletic defenders. He piles up some gnarly knockdowns when he's uncovered. He's always looking for extra work. Overall, Hernandez is a tempo setter in the run game and more than adequate in the passing game. He had a great **Senior Bowl** and combine.

RANK **26**

Sony Michel, RB, Georgia

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Michel is one of my favorite players in this entire draft class. He has a perfect build for the position and runs with a nice blend of power, quickness and elusiveness. On inside runs, he's very loose/slithery and he runs with ideal pad level. He drops his shoulder on contact and generates space when none is available. He has enough juice to get to the perimeter, and while he lacks home-run speed, he's rarely caught from behind. In the passing game, he runs crisp routes and catches the ball smoothly. He's been very stout in pass protection. Overall, Michel reminds me a lot of **Kareem Hunt** and I think he's capable of making a similar impact at the next level.

RANK **27**

Josh Jackson, CB, Iowa

9 ▼

Jackson has good size for the position and I love his versatility to play inside and outside. He was deployed in a variety of coverages in Iowa's scheme and was effective in all of them. In press coverage, he isn't physical, but he's very fluid to open up and mirror. I have some concerns about his deep speed, but he wasn't really challenged in the games I studied. He is at his best in zone coverage, where he sees through the wideout to the quarterback. He's quick to identify routes, break on the ball and finish. He has rare ball skills, which creates some spectacular picks. He's an effective wrap/drag tackler in the run game. Overall, Jackson might lack ideal twitch and deep speed, but his combination of size and ball skills is outstanding. He is a plug-and-play starter.

RANK **28**

Donte Jackson, CB, LSU

8 ▼

Jackson is an undersized cornerback with rare twitch and make-up speed. LSU moved him all over the field in its scheme. He played inside, outside and even took some reps at safety. In press coverage, he's patient, but I'd like to see him be more physical with his hands at the line of scrimmage. He usually plays out of a quarter turn (butt toward the sideline). He uses his quickness and speed to mirror wideouts underneath and down the field. He rarely gets caught out of position, but when he does, he has the speed to recover. From off coverage, he has a quick pedal and is a very easy/fluid mover. His instincts and ball skills are good but not great. He's a willing tackler, but he's not ultra-aggressive in run support. Overall, Jackson doesn't make a ton of plays, but I believe his best football is ahead of him. He's a special athlete.

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RANK **29**

Christian Kirk, WR, Texas A&M

Kirk is a compact, muscled-up WR. He's built like a running back and plays in the slot as well as outside. He's an exceptional route runner. He understands how to leverage defensive backs, sell double-moves and cleanly enter/exit the break point. He has strong hands and tracks the ball smoothly. He does a lot of work in the middle of the field and doesn't let the heavy traffic affect his concentration. I love his strength, elusiveness and will after the catch. Kirk reminds me a lot of **Golden Tate** coming out of Notre Dame, and I believe he can have similar success.

RANK **30**

Jessie Bates, S, Wake Forest

NR ▲

Bates is a tall, lean safety for the Demon Deacons. He has outstanding range, instincts and ball skills from the deep middle and he flashed the ability to match up in the slot. He's a very fluid athlete and has plenty of makeup speed if he's caught out of position. Against the run, he's quick to key/read and fill the alley. He is a low, wrap/drag tackler and he does have some misses on tape. His lack of strength shows up at times. Overall, Bates is a very athletic middle-of-the-field defender and he has the versatility to cover in the slot. He should quickly emerge as a Pro Bowl-caliber player.

RANK **31**

Hayden Hurst, TE, South Carolina

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Hurst is a former pro baseball player who walked on as a tight end for the Gamecocks. He has excellent size, speed and ball skills. He was primarily used as a move tight end. As a route runner, he is very smooth and quickly builds speed. At South Carolina, he wasn't asked to run a lot of traditional option routes and work back to the quarterback. However, he excels on vertical routes and crossers. He tracks the ball smoothly and has a big catch radius. He received the ball quite a bit on tight end reverses and proved plenty capable of making defenders miss or out-running them to the corner. He's more than willing as a run blocker and, while he lacks power, he does a nice job of shielding defenders. Hurst should be a Day 1 starter and has tremendous upside.

RANK **32**

Leighton Vander Esch, LB, Boise State

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Vander Esch is a long, instinctive and fast inside linebacker. Against the run, he's quick to key/read and aggressively shoot gaps. He does a good job sorting through the trash to find the ball. He flashes the ability to pop/separate from blockers, but at times, he's too narrow and gets washed out. He has outstanding speed/range. He's a highly productive tackler, but also produces a couple fly-by missed tackles in every game. He has ideal size/speed to mirror tight ends in coverage and he's a productive blitzer. Vander Esch was one of the most productive players in the country this past season and should be an immediate starter at the next level.

RANK **33**

Harrison Phillips, DT, Stanford

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Phillips is a powerful defensive tackle with excellent production and a non-stop motor. He dominates against the run. He jolts blockers with a quick, explosive punch before locating the football and collecting tackles. He understands blocking schemes, routinely defeating double-teams with his quickness and awareness. His lateral range is exceptional and he never seems to tire out despite rarely coming off the field. As a pass rusher, he generates a steady push with his bull rush and flashes a quick slap/swim move. He needs to improve as a finisher. He has some ankle tightness and struggles to flatten out once he gets upfield. Phillips offers immediate value on run downs and I believe he's going to improve as a pass rusher at the next level. He reminds me of **Kyle Williams** coming out of LSU.

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RANK **34**

Maurice Hurst, DT, Michigan

13 ▼

Hurst is an undersized defensive tackle with exceptional quickness and awareness. Against the pass, he has elite get-off. He explodes off the snap and has a collection of effective hand moves to generate pressure. His bread-and-butter move is a quick swipe before wrapping around the blocker and exploding toward the quarterback. Against the run, he relies on his quickness to beat cut-off blocks and disrupt. Occasionally, he'll get stuck on blocks and is moved out of the hole. His effort is excellent. Hurst is an ideal 3-technique and could emerge as one of the best interior pass rushers in the league. However, he was diagnosed with a heart condition at the NFL Scouting Combine and didn't participate in drills.

RANK **35**

Mike McGlinchey, OT, Notre Dame

McGlinchey started at right tackle and left tackle during his collegiate career. He has outstanding size for the position. In the passing game, he has average quickness out of his stance but uses his length to keep his chest clean and anchor vs. bull rushers. He does get too narrow at times, which causes him to struggle vs. both speed and counter rushers. I think he'll benefit from a move back to the right side. In the run game, he does a good job of getting underneath opponents and generating movement at the point of attack. He's very aware vs. twists and stunts. McGlinchey had some games where he struggled (see: Miami), but he has all of the desired traits to emerge as a quality starting right tackle at the next level.

RANK **36**

Isaiah Oliver, CB, Colorado

Oliver has excellent size, length and speed for the position. He's at his best in press coverage. He shoots his hands and re-routes wide receivers before staying on their hip down the field. He has plenty of speed to carry vertical routes. From off coverage, he has some stiffness when he has to open up and change directions. He has good ball awareness down the field (see: pass breakup against UCLA). I love his aggressiveness and physicality in the running game. He fights through blocks and he's a reliable tackler in space. Oliver has the ideal skill set to thrive as a press cornerback at the next level. He needs to improve his flexibility and transition movement in off coverage.

RANK **37**

Isaiah Wynn, OG, Georgia

Wynn was an undersized left tackle for the Bulldogs; he projects as a starting guard at the next level. In the run game, he is sudden out of his stance and can roll his hips on contact, generating movement at the point of attack. His hand strength is outstanding. He's very effective as a puller because of his ability to redirect and cover up linebackers in space. In pass protection, he keeps his hands tight and he's a natural knee-bender. He will lunge and whiff on rare occasions, but he's usually patient and stays on balance. He is very aware of blitzers (see: him vs. Minkah Fitzpatrick in the national title game). Wynn has some previous experience at guard and I believe he has Pro Bowl ability at that position.

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RANK
38

Ronnie Harrison, S, Alabama

Harrison is a hulking safety prospect with a nice blend of versatility, toughness and instincts. He moved around in the Alabama defense, aligning as the high safety at times while dropping down in the box, as well. In zone coverage, he's quick to read his keys and flow to the ball. He has excellent range when he's working in the deep half. When he's in the box, he flies to the alley to collect tackles on quick throws to the perimeter. He isn't as effective in man coverage. He has some lower-body stiffness and his change of direction is average. He's excellent against the run. He attacks the line of scrimmage and breaks down before securing the tackle. He has a very high batting average as a tackler. Harrison is a very well-rounded safety and he's ready to play right away.

RANK
39

Harold Landry, EDGE, Boston College

Landry is an undersized edge rusher. At BC, he was deployed as a hand-in-the-ground defensive end and a stand-up outside linebacker. Against the pass, he lacks an elite get-off, but he has a variety of hand moves and bends really well coming off the corner. He's very successful when he bends/rips/flattens to the quarterback. He also has the ability to widen and convert speed to power against opposing tackles. His effort is excellent. He was an outstanding finisher in 2016, but fell off of a few sacks in 2017. He's inconsistent against the run. He flashes the quickness to cross the face of blockers and collect tackles, but once engaged, he struggles to get off blocks. He needs to get stronger. I see Landry as a fit for teams that employ a 3-4 defense and are looking for a pass-rush upgrade. He has some similarities to Dee Ford coming out of Auburn.

RANK
40

Tyrell Crosby, OT, Oregon

2 ▲

Crosby lined up at left tackle for the Ducks. He has a nice blend of size, power and instincts. In the passing game, he lacks upper-tier quickness, but he does a nice job of staying square, shooting his hands and steering opponents. He will have some trouble with elite speed rushers, but I believe he'll benefit from a move to the right side. I love what he brings in the run game. He consistently generates movement on down blocks and he's a nasty finisher. He also takes good angles when working up to the second level before latching and controlling linebackers. I wish he were a little more athletic, but he has all of the skills to be a solid starting right tackle.

RANK
41

Lamar Jackson, QB, Louisville

2 ▲

Jackson has been the most dynamic playmaker in college football for the last two seasons, operating out of the shotgun in the Cardinals' offense. He has a lean, narrow frame. He has quick feet in his setup and he bounces on his toes once he gets to the top of his drop. He throws with a very narrow base. He generates tremendous velocity despite flipping the ball and failing to generate any power or torque from his lower half. He's more accurate/consistent on in-breaking routes and over-the-top touch throws. His accuracy suffers when he has to drive the ball outside the numbers. He is too stiff on his front leg and the ball sails on him. His pocket presence has improved over the last year and he excels avoiding unblocked rushers. He's the most electric runner at the position to enter the NFL in the last decade. On designed QB runs, he's very elusive and slithery. Overall, Jackson needs time to work out some mechanical issues, but his playmaking ability is special.

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RANK **42**

B.J. Hill, DT, N.C. State

NR ▲

Hill lines up at defensive tackle for the Wolfpack. He has broad shoulders and a thick, muscular frame for the position. Against the run, he plays with balance and power at the point of attack and flashes the quickness to penetrate/disrupt. His effort to chase plays is excellent. As a pass rusher, he has a quick slap/rip move and he generates a lot of pressures. He lacks sack production, but I believe that will come in time. Overall, Hill is very athletic and his best football is ahead of him.

RANK **43**

Dallas Goedert, TE, South Dakota State

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Goedert has ideal size, ball skills and toughness for the position. At South Dakota State, he lined up in-line, flexed in the slot or split out wide. In the passing game, he builds speed as a route runner and has subtle quickness at the top of his routes. He understands how to keep defenders on his back and has strong reliable hands. He lacks big-time burst after the catch but he runs hard and is tough to bring down. In the run game, he effectively shields defenders over his nose and can generate some movement on down blocks. Goedert isn't an electric playmaker, but he's dependable in every facet of the position.

RANK **44**

Nick Chubb, RB, Georgia

5 ▲

Chubb is a powerfully built running back. He's at his best running between the tackles. He has excellent vision. He runs with a high pad level, but he has incredible contact balance. Defenders routinely bounce off him in the hole and he always fights for extra yards. On perimeter runs, he doesn't bring the ideal suddenness to get the corner, but once he gets north/south, he's a load to bring down. He lacks home-run speed, but he racks up a lot of doubles. In the passing game, he has strong/reliable hands and he's dependable in limited pass-protection opportunities. Chubb reminds me of **Jonathan Stewart** coming out of college, but he doesn't quite have the same burst. However, he did help himself with an impressive combine performance.

RANK **45**

Brian O'Neill, OT, Pitt

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O'Neill is a very intriguing left tackle prospect. The former tight end has good size and outstanding quickness. In the passing game, he's very quick out of his stance. He displays the ability to kick out wide and cover up speed rushers. When he shoots his hands on time, he can steer and control defenders. He needs to improve his knee bend/leverage. If defenders get into his chest, he struggles to sink his weight and settle vs. power rushers. He's very aware vs. twists and blitzers. In the run game, he is at his best on pulls and combo blocks. His quickness is his best asset. Pitt threw him a couple balls in the games I watched and he showed off his speed/athleticism. O'Neill needs to get stronger and improve his knee-bend, but he should emerge as a starting left tackle.

RANK **46**

D.J. Moore, WR, Maryland

NR ▲

Moore is a thick, muscled-up wideout with outstanding toughness, burst and savvy. He lines up both outside and in the slot for the Terrapins. He powers through press coverage and understands how to set up defenders before snapping off his route. He collects a lot of quick hitters in this offense, but he flashes the ability to work down the seam as well as over the top. He tracks the ball naturally. He can adjust and finish on poor throws. He's at his best after the catch. Moore routinely breaks tackles, makes defenders miss or runs away from them. His competitiveness is off the charts. I won't be surprised if Moore ends up being the best receiver in this draft class.

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RANK **47**

Rashaad Penny, RB, San Diego State — NR ▲

Penny has an ideal blend of size, speed and production. He gets a lot of work in the SDSU offense and he's proven he can carry a heavy load. On inside runs, he has excellent vision. While he doesn't often punish defenders, he does absorb contact and generate extra yards. He has enough speed to get to the perimeter, and once in the open field, he can find a second gear to go the distance. He doesn't offer a lot of wiggle, but he does possess a firm stiff arm. He can catch the ball naturally, but he isn't used much in pass protection and will need some time to develop in that area. He has been ultra-productive as a kickoff returner throughout his career.

RANK **48**

Austin Corbett, OG, Nevada — NR ▲

Corbett lines up at left tackle for the Wolfpack. I'm projecting him to slide inside to guard at the next level. In pass protection, he has a strong punch, firm base and excellent awareness. He keeps his hands in tight and once he latches on, he can easily steer and control defenders. He will occasionally struggle to kick out and cover up speed rushers. That's why the move inside will help his stock. In the run game, he is quick off the ball and can roll his hips on contact to generate movement. He will need a little time to transition to a pro-style offense, but I foresee him becoming a high-quality interior starter very early in his career.

RANK **49**

Billy Price, C, Ohio State — 19 ▼

Price was a four-year starter for the Buckeyes. He played both guard and center during his career. He was a very dominant run blocker while lining up at center in 2017. He has quick feet and a very powerful base. He latches on and flashes the upper torque to rag-doll opposing defenders. He isn't a great knee-bender, but once he gets his hands on you, he stays attached. He does struggle with balance at the second level. He gets overly aggressive and ends up on the ground too often. In pass protection, he can anchor easily against power rushers and he's very aware vs. twists and stunts. I love his strength, toughness and position flexibility. He's not an elite athlete, but he's a Day 1 starter at either guard or center. He did suffer a **pectoral injury while performing in the bench press** at the NFL **Scouting Combine** and was unable to work out.

RANK **50**

Nathan Shepherd, DT, Fort Hays State — NR ▲

Shepherd is a very disruptive interior defensive lineman. He's a chiseled 315 pounds and physically dominates in every tape I've studied. Against the pass, he plays a little high, but he uses his foot quickness and upper-body strength to generate a lot of pressure. He has tremendous raw power. Against the run, he can generate knock-back at the point of attack and he has the speed/athleticism to make plays from the backside. He needs to improve his overall awareness. He loses sight of the ball too often. Overall, Shepherd is raw, but he has outstanding upside as a three-down interior defender.

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2018 NFL Draft Needs: Roster Holes Steelers, Ravens, Bengals, Browns Still Need To Address

It's time to re-examine the AFC North after the first wave of free agency to get ready for the draft

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With the draft just a few short weeks away, it's time to update our list of what each team still needs after the initial wave of free agency. You'll be able to find the needs for all AFC North teams below.

Baltimore Ravens

1. Tight end
2. Wide receiver
3. Center
4. Right tackle
5. Inside linebacker
6. Running back
7. Safety
8. Quarterback

The Ravens had Ben Watson as their top tight end last year and have yet to find a quality replacement. While they've done more work at the receiver position by bringing in Michael Crabtree and John Brown, a dynamic No. 1 target would solidify the depth chart. The Ravens have Matt Skura penciled in at center and Alex Lewis a candidate at right tackle after the signing of James Hurst to play guard, but both positions could still benefit from finding an upgrades.

Patrick Onwuasor does a solid job next to C.J. Mosley, but better depth should be acquired at the position. Same with running back, where Alex Collins and Buck Allen form a solid committee and Kenneth Dixon might finally be able to contribute. The Ravens have two great safeties but could use better depth at the position as well, and they can finally think about getting out of Joe Flacco's contract in 2019.

Cincinnati Bengals

1. Right tackle
2. Right guard
3. Center
4. Outside linebacker
5. Cornerback
6. Safety
7. Wide receiver
8. Running back

The Bengals found a potential left tackle in Cordy Glenn; now it's time to find starters for three other spots on the line. Left guard Clint Boling graded out as average, per Pro Football Focus, while everyone else on the line was well below. The good news is that the Bengals are in great position to address the line after trading down to No. 21.

Outside linebacker is one spot that could use work, with Vontaze Burfict scheduled for another suspension and Nick Vigil graded out terribly last year. Cornerback could use better depth with Adam Jones gone, while safety depth is also something to target. On offense, both receiver and running back could use depth pieces as well.

Cleveland Browns

1. Left tackle
2. Quarterback
3. Defensive tackle
4. Outside linebacker
5. Running back
6. Safety

The Browns have done a lot of work to improve the group that went 0-16 in 2017, but the loss of left tackle Joe Thomas cannot be overstated. Suddenly, the team's one massive positional strength is its biggest weakness. Of course, while the quarterback position has a solid starter in place for 2018, the team will have to find its franchise quarterback at the top of the draft.

On defense, defensive tackle stands out as the unit's biggest need, as Larry Ogunjobi was great as a rookie but could use a quality player next to him. The Browns can get out of Jamie Collins's contract in 2019, so it may be time to groom a future starter. At running back, Carlos Hyde comes in as a quality starter, but the team could use depth behind him. Ditto with safety, where Damarious Randall helps but better depth could be used.

Pittsburgh Steelers

1. Free safety
2. Inside linebacker
3. Quarterback
4. Outside linebacker
5. Running back
6. Cornerback
7. Offensive tackle
8. Guard

Morgan Burnett is a nice upgrade at strong safety, and the Steelers should explore improving on Sean Davis at the other safety spot, pushing him into a rotational role. Jon Bostic is a fine stopgap at inside linebacker, but finding a talented player who could eventually take over a starting spot would be ideal. Ben Roethlisberger isn't going to play much longer, and an heir isn't on the roster right now. T.J. Watt looks like a star at one outside linebacker spot, but the team should be on the lookout for his long-term running mate at the position, especially with Bud Dupree's extension no lock to be picked up.

The Steelers have one of the best running backs in the NFL, but until he signs a long-term deal, questions remain about the long-term plan at the position. Cornerback has talent but could use better depth. The offensive line is excellent, but the team lost swing tackle Chris Hubbard in free agency and could use better depth across the board.

Eric DeCosta Sees More Defensive Talent In First 25 Picks Than Offensive

Outside of the quarterbacks, there aren't a lot of offensive players projected to go in the top 25, which means Baltimore could go defense in Round 1 again. But DeCosta promises the offense will be a priority in the first four rounds.

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The Ravens will not pick four straight defensive players at the start of the NFL Draft this year. Assistant General Manager Eric DeCosta all but guaranteed it.

“If [we do], you’ll probably be looking for a new GM next year,” DeCosta joked on “The Lounge” podcast this week.

Drafting a defensive player in the first round though? Well, that’s certainly a possibility.

Many mock drafts predict more defensive talent taken in the top part of the first round. With the Ravens sitting at No.16, there’s a good chance they could have more highly-graded defensive options than offensive.

“It’s an interesting draft because I would say that most people would think that in the first 25 picks, there will likely bemore defensive players than offensive players,” DeCosta said.

“You’re going to have the quarterbacks, obviously, drafted pretty high. You might have a couple offensive linemen, maybe a receiver or two, maybe a running back or two. But there are a lot of good defensive players.”

There could be four quarterbacks (USC’s Sam Darnold, UCLA’s Josh Rosen, Wyoming’s Josh Allen, Oklahoma’s Baker Mayfield) off the board before the Ravens are on the clock. Penn State running back Saquon Barkley will be gone. Notre Dame guard Quentin Nelson won’t be there.

There aren’t any consensus stud offensive tackles. There may not be any wide receivers drafted in the top 10 this year. There probably won’t be any tight ends taken until the end of the first round, if at all on Day 1.

Baltimore could have its pick of the top wide receiver (such as Alabama’s Calvin Ridley) or No. 1 offensive tackle at No. 16. More likely is a smorgasbord of defensive talents.

Georgia linebacker Roquan Smith, Florida State safety Derwin James, Texas-San Antonio pass rusher Marcus Davenport, Alabama linebacker Rashaan Evans, Central Florida cornerback Mike Hughes, Boston College pass rusher Harold Landry and others are intriguing prospects who could be in play at No. 16.

Near the end of the first round and through the rest of the draft, DeCosta sees the balance of offensive vs. defensive talent flipping. There’s a cluster of wide receivers widely projected to be taken near the end of the first or early second round. There are many more pass catchers in the third and fourth rounds.

“It wouldn’t surprise me if you had maybe 60 percent of all the players drafted on offense and 40 percent on defense,” DeCosta said.

So what does this all mean for the Ravens, whose needs are clearly more on the offensive side of the ball? Many Ravens fans are still clamoring for a high pick to be used on a wide receiver.

“In the first round, are we going to take a wideout? It just depends,” DeCosta said. “Is it fair to say that in the first three rounds, are we going to be taking some offensive players? Definitely.

“I think there’s a really good chance that we’ll continue to work on the offense in the first four rounds of the draft. We may take a defensive player in the first round, we may take a defensive player in the second round, but the notion that we’re going to go defense, defense, defense, defense, that’s just not going to happen.”

2018 Ravens Mock Draft Monitor 4.0

After the NFL Scouting Combine, many draft analysts are locking onto Alabama wide receiver Calvin Ridley at No. 16, but there a few wild cards among the bunch.

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Now that the NFL Scouting Combine is over, the next batch of mock drafts are being released.

Many have locked into Alabama wide receiver Calvin Ridley with the No. 16 pick. The Ravens need wide receivers.

Ridley is the top wide receiver. He may last until the middle of the first round. It makes sense. But there are also a few wild cards among the bunch.

Here are the draftniks' latest projections, which have all been released since the Combine:

Todd McShay, ESPN
WR Calvin Ridley, Alabama
Junior; 6 -foot-1, 190 pounds
2017: 63 receptions, 967 yards, 5 touchdowns
"The Ravens are in desperate need of offensive playmakers, and they'd be thrilled if Ridley were available here. His poor jumps (worst broad jump, second-worst vertical jump among WRs) at the combine are a bit concerning, but he's still the clear top wideout in this class. He runs terrific routes and creates well after the catch."

Daniel Jeremiah, NFL Network
QB Baker Mayfield, Oklahoma
Senior; 6-0, 220
2017: 4,627 yards, 43 touchdowns, 6 interceptions, 198.9 QB rating
"The Ravens should be in rebuild mode and that starts with a new signal-caller. Mayfield can sit behind Joe Flacco until he's ready to take over."

Lance Zierlein, NFL Network
OT Mike McGlinchey, Notre Dame
Senior; 6-8, 315 pounds
"Ozzie Newsome goes with bookend Notre Dame tackles as McGlinchey returns to his role as right tackle to Ronnie Stanley's left tackle in Baltimore."

Matt Miller, Bleacher Report
WR Calvin Ridle, Alabama
"General Manager Ozzie Newsome loves Alabama players and he needs wide receivers. That makes the selection of Calvin Ridley an easy one to predict before free agency. Ridley is the draft's top wide receiver but lacks the elite size (6'0", 189 lbs) or speed (4.43) to be considered a top-10 pick. That's great news for the Ravens, as he could fall right into the team's lap at pick No. 16. If you're a Baltimore fan, start hoping now that four quarterbacks come off the board before this selection. Ridley's route-running, hands and overall athleticism remind me of Reggie Wayne when he was with the Indianapolis Colts. If the Ravens can get that type of production from Ridley, the offense will be back to its previous playoff levels."

Will Brinson, CBS Sports
S Derwin James, Florida State
Junior; 6-3, 215 pounds
2017: 84 tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss, 1 sack, 2 interceptions
"The Ravens are hard to project because their needs do not meet with the availability in the draft, but they would be just find adding the best player on their board in the very versatile James."

Pete Prisco, CBS Sports
TE Dallas Goedert, South Dakota State
Senior; 6-5, 255 pounds
2017: 72 receptions, 1,111 yards, 7 touchdowns
"This is a team that has to get weapons for Joe Flacco. Goedert is a nice pass-catching tight end."

Chris Trapasso, CBS Sports
RB Derrius Guice, LSU
Junior; 5-10, 212 pounds
2017: 1,251 rushing yards, 11 touchdowns, 18 receptions, 124 receiving yards
“The Ravens got solid contributions from Alex Collins in 2017 yet still want to find a true feature back. Guice is 1B to Barkley being 1A in this class. He's that talented, especially between the tackles.”

Dan Kadar, SB Nation
WR Calvin Ridley, Alabama
“If the Bears at No. 8 or the Dolphins at No. 11 don’t take Ridley, he could slide into the middle teens. That would be great for Baltimore, which needs a dependable pass catcher to help revitalize Joe Flacco’s career. Ridley may not be big for fast, but the Marvin Harrison comparisons were brought up by many at the combine.”

Nate Davis, USA Today
WR Calvin Ridley, Alabama
“He appears to be the best of what seems to be a relatively weak crop of receivers — and even the best at this position usually struggle adapting to the NFL. Ridley is probably equipped to step into the slot, but it's probably a stretch to earmark him as a No. 1 target on Day 1. Regardless, Baltimore needs the help.”

Nick Klopsis, Newsday
WR Calvin Ridley, Alabama
“The Ravens desperately need more receiving options for Joe Flacco — 2015 first-rounder Breshad Perriman has disappointed in the few times he has stayed healthy, while pending free agent Mike Wallace will turn 32 in August. Ozzie Newsome seems to have an affinity for Alabama players — he has taken four out in the last six years, including two last year and two in the first round (2014, 2017). Calvin Ridley has been a solid pass catcher since arriving at Alabama. He has great speed and agility (4.43 40, 6.88 three-cone), runs very clean routes and brings in the ball with soft hands. His main concern, however, may be his age. He turned 23 in December — an advanced age for a college junior — so he’ll have to show he hasn’t hit his peak.”

Steve Palazzolo, Pro Football Focus
WR Michael Gallup, Colorado State
Senior; 6-1, 205 pounds
2017: 100 receptions, 1,413 yards, 7 touchdowns
“There’s no clear-cut top wide receiver in the draft, though Gallup brings a strong all-around skill set after posting the nation’s top grade last season at 92.0 overall. He’s one of the better route runners in the class, has the body control to do damage down the field and he possesses the smooth-running ability gain yards after the catch. He forced 38 missed tackles on 179 catches over the last two years.”

Ben Standig, CSN Washington
DE Marcus Davenport, Texas-San Antonio
Senior; 6-6, 265
2017: 55 tackles, 17.5 tackles for loss, 8.5 sacks
“The offense needs a boost at the skill positions. Like, all of them. Yet if an edge rusher like Davenport slips, the Ravens won't pass especially with Terrell Suggs turning 36 next season.”

McShay Mock 3.0: Ravens Continue First-Round Trend In Playmaker

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Let me know if you've heard this one before: The Baltimore Ravens draft an Alabama player with their first-round pick.

That's the scenario envisioned in the third mock draft from ESPN's Todd McShay, who has Baltimore selecting Crimson Tide wide receiver Calvin Ridley with the No. 16 overall pick.

The Ravens have taken an Alabama player in the first round in two of the last four drafts (C.J. Mosley in 2014 and Marlon Humphrey in 2017). It would be fitting for Ozzie Newsome, a former Alabama star who has never hidden his affinity for Crimson Tide players, to select another in the first round in his final draft as Ravens general manager.

The perception of Ridley has changed among the Ravens fan base over the last couple of weeks. Many previously coveted Ridley in the first round when it looked like there was little chance of him slipping past the Chicago Bears (No. 8 overall). Now, there's a better chance of Ridley falling to the Ravens after a disappointing performance at the combine and there's a growing preference for Maryland's D.J. Moore over Ridley.

The bottom line is Baltimore needs a wide receiver and Ridley is the consensus No. 1 receiver in this draft. The problem is he isn't projected to be a sure-fire No. 1 receiver like past Alabama receivers Julio Jones or Amari Cooper. Plus, the prevailing theory is the better value for wide receivers in this draft is through Rounds 2 and 4.

By taking Ridley, the Ravens would get the most polished receiver in the draft and arguably the best route-runner. The concern is he lacks size (he weighed under 190 pounds at the combine) and elite athleticism (he recorded poor jumps at the combine).

A popular comparison for Ridley is Marvin Harrison, a smaller-framed receiver who consistently got open. If Ridley could come anywhere close to being that type of a receiver, Newsome would step down with yet another first-round success story.

Deep And Diverse QB Class Gives Ravens An Opportunity They Might Not Be Able To Pass Up

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Ravens owner Steve Bisciotti didn’t allow for much wiggle room. Asked last month about whether it was time to start thinking about life after quarterback Joe Flacco, Bisciotti said the organization has “bigger fish to fry” and that time is a “long way off.”

Was he being coy as the Ravens hatch a plan to get into position to select one of the NFL draft’s top quarterbacks in late April?

That’s not typically Bisciotti’s way, and several people familiar with the team’s thinking said this past week that it was unlikely, though not impossible, that the Ravens use their 16th overall pick on a quarterback. If a guy they like drops into their range, the Ravens could be tempted with Flacco having turned 33 in January and struggling to stop downward trends in his performance.

“Each year, we set our board and wherever the quarterbacks fall, that’s where they fall,” general manager Ozzie Newsome said Friday. “That’s why we were able to draft Keith Wenning. That’s why we were able to draft Tyrod Taylor. And it’s no different this year. We’ll set the board and if we get to a position in the draft and the quarterback is the best player available, we’re going to take him.”

This year, though, might offer a rare opportunity for the Ravens who, at the very least, are in the market for a backup with Ryan Mallett set to hit free agency.

Southern California’s Sam Darnold, UCLA’s Josh Rosen, Wyoming’s Josh Allen, Oklahoma’s Baker Mayfield and Louisville’s Lamar Jackson garnered a ton of attention at the NFL scouting combine as the draft’s top quarterbacks. All are expected to be taken in the first round, and at least four of them could be off the board within the first 10 picks. Oklahoma State’s Mason Rudolph has an outside chance to go in the late first round.

But the names that might be more pertinent to the Ravens are Washington State’s Luke Falk, Richmond’s Kyle Lauletta, Marshall’s Chase Litton, Western Kentucky’s Mike White and Toledo’s Logan Woodside. All five could be selected in the middle-to-late rounds.

NFL coaches and executives raved over the last week about the depth and quality to this quarterback class, which was on display during Saturday's combine workouts.

"I think there are numbers," Jacksonville Jaguars general manager Dave Caldwell said. "There is a lot of value in it. Historically, there may be two or three or four quarterbacks that can play or come in and help a team to where now you are looking at six to 10 guys that can be drafted at some point in time."

New York Giants general manager Dave Gettleman, who is eyeing a successor to Eli Manning, compared the quarterback class to a "Howard Johnson's back in the day," because of the number of different options that are available. "All shapes and sizes. All flavors," Gettleman said. "It's a really interesting, eclectic group."

Newsome kept his evaluation of the new class of quarterbacks mostly to himself, saying only that there are a number of good players that have an opportunity to have good careers.

When it comes to drafting quarterbacks, the Ravens have mostly chosen to observe from afar. Since taking Flacco in the first round in 2008, the Ravens have made 84 total selections and only two of them were used on quarterbacks: Taylor in the sixth round in 2011 and Wenning in the sixth round in 2014. Neither started a game for the Ravens, though Taylor went on to become the leading man in Buffalo.

Since 2008, the New England Patriots and Cleveland Browns, teams on the opposite end of the NFL spectrum, have each drafted five quarterbacks. The New York Jets have drafted a league-high seven during that span.

Miami Dolphins coach Adam Gase said he'd like to take a quarterback in every draft, but there are some years when it's not possible. Other teams with established and successful starters don't prioritize adding a young backup, choosing to use their draft picks on players at other positions who have been a better chance of making the 53-man roster in training camp.

Taking advantage of Flacco's durability — he's missed just six games in 10 NFL seasons and they all came after he tore up his left knee in November 2015 — the Ravens in recent years have relied on relatively cheap, veteran backups such as Matt Schaub, Jimmy Clausen and Mallett.

With the quarterback class reputed to be deep and strong, this could be the year when the Ravens and other teams snag a young backup and hope he'll be the heir apparent to an aging starter. The Ravens, Patriots, Giants, Pittsburgh Steelers, Los Angeles Chargers, Washington Redskins, Green Bay Packers, New Orleans Saints and Atlanta Falcons are all set to enter the season with projected starting quarterbacks who are at least 33 years old.

"With the quarterback position, you're always looking," said Chargers general manager Tom Telesco, whose starter, Philip Rivers, is 36. "I don't care if you have a young quarterback or an old quarterback, but certainly in our case, our starting quarterback is 30-plus. We've always been looking to see who that next quarterback is, fully knowing when that guy comes in — whether it's the draft, trade or free agency — if the player has to sit for one year, two years, three years or longer, then he'll sit because we're very happy with the way Philip's playing."

Flacco's contract ties him to the Ravens for at least one more season. If he continues to struggle in 2018, the Ravens would almost surely be in the quarterback market next offseason. This year, though, presents an opportunity for them to get a head start.

Given the talent and depth in the class, it would almost feels like a missed opportunity if they don't.

"From an age perspective, I think [Flacco's] fine. I don't think there's been any noticeable deterioration. I'm not sure everybody's excited with the way he's played since the Super Bowl year, but I don't think it's an age-related topic," NFL Network draft analyst Mike Mayock said on a conference call last week. "You start getting into the league for 10 or 12 years and you're in your 30s, at some point, you've got to start drafting a potential backup. I think the Ravens have to be in the quarterback market, either with a third- or fourth-round potential player … or they've got to be looking to sign a veteran free agent just as insurance, or both."

Mike Mayock: Ravens May Need To Look Outside First Round For Offensive Help

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The NFL Network's Mike Mayock echoed the view of many Ravens fans when he addressed the team's needs during his annual pre-Combine conference call with reporters Feb. 26.

"It probably needs to be an offensive draft for the Ravens this year," Mayock said.

At the same time, Mayock said that much of the value at the wide receiver position will be found outside the first round, and that the tight end position, another potential area of need for the Ravens, might not have a first-rounder in this draft.

The on-field workouts at the NFL Combine will take place March 2-5, and the stock of some players will rise and fall based on those workouts.

Ravens general manager Ozzie Newsome is expected to meet with the media March 2, his first news conference since the team announced he would be stepping down after the 2018 season.

The Ravens are looking to bolster an offense that ranked 27th overall among 32 NFL teams, averaging 305.4 yards a game, 11th in rushing and 29th in passing. The Ravens' average of 5.10 yards per passing play ranked last in the league.

Last year, for the first time in franchise history, the Ravens drafted no skill position players on offense. They used their first four draft picks on defensive players, and offensive linemen Nico Siragusa and Jermaine Eluemunor, taken on the third day of the draft, were their only offensive selections.

Wide receiver is considered the team's most critical need, with Mike Wallace set to become a free agent next month and Jeremy Maclin a possible salary cap casualty after a disappointing first season in Baltimore. If they both depart, the top receivers on the roster would be former first-round pick Breshad Perriman, who had 10 catches all of last season, and Chris Moore.

Mayock said Alabama wide receiver Calvin Ridley, who had been linked to the Ravens as a potential first-round pick in many mock drafts, probably projects as a slot receiver in the NFL, as does Texas A&M's Christian Kirk.

"They both run tremendous routes," Mayock said. "They both have really good hands, and they're very tough catching the football with good run after catch. Christian Kirk adds some value in the returning game."

Mayock views those two as the class of the receiver group, which he described as "really cloudy," but he stressed there is a lot of talent to be found outside the first round.

SMU's Courtland Sutton, who has been mentioned with Ridley and Kirk among the leaders of the group, "is a completely different animal" than the other two. Sutton is a 6-foot-4 target who is primarily an outside threat.

Last year, the top three receivers in the draft were snatched up in the first 10 picks, but that's unlikely to repeat itself this year. ESPN draft expert Mel Kiper's latest mock draft has Ridley taken as the first wide receiver by the Arizona Cardinals at No. 15 -- one spot before the Ravens pick.

Kiper sees two other receivers going in the first round -- James Washington from Oklahoma State, and Kirk.

Mayock said he views Washington as a late first-rounder or early second-round pick and stressed that there is a deep group of receivers who could be available in the second, third and fourth rounds. Among them, Mayock said, are Dante Pettis from Washington, D.J. Chark from LSU and D.J. Moore from Maryland. Moore, Mayock said, "has some juice. Like him."

Mayock said he also expects the Ravens to be in the market for a quarterback to back up Joe Flacco, "either with a third- or fourth-round potential player."

"I'm not sure everybody's excited with the way [Flacco]'s played since the Super Bowl year," Mayock said. "But I don't think it's an age-related topic. I think they're better on offense around them. ... You start getting into the league for 10 or 12 years and you're in your 30s, at some point you've got to start drafting a potential backup."

Positions Of Strength (And Weakness) In This Year's Draft

Cornerback and running back are strong once again, but the outside linebacker class is down fromyears past, says Ravens Director of College Scouting Joe Hortiz.

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Every draft has its strengths and weaknesses.

Last year, defense dominated and cornerback was specifically strong. The Ravens jumped into the mix, grabbing cornerback Marlon Humphrey in the first round and taking defenders with their first four picks.

This year, it's a little more balanced, and the Ravens are happy with the crop overall.

"It's a good draft, to sum it up. It's a good draft in terms of depth," Director of College Scouting Joe Hortiz said.

So what are the positions of strength and weakness this year? Hortiz pointed to cornerback – once again – and running back as the strongest.

"Cornerback is the cornerback of this year's draft. It's good. I would say maybe not quite as good on the very top end, but it is, it's very good," Hortiz said.

Last year's NFL Draft had six cornerbacks taken in the first 33 picks. New Orleans' Marshon Lattimore, Humphrey, Tennessee's Adoree' Jackson and Buffalo's Tre'Davious White all had spectacular rookie seasons. Lattimore was the NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year.

This year's class doesn't have as many projected top corners. Generally speaking, Ohio State's Denzel Ward, Central Florida's Mike Hughes and Iowa's Josh Jackson are mentioned as first rounders by pundits at this point. The Ravens aren't looking for a first-round cornerback as much as last year, but they still strongly believe they can't have enough of them. Thus, it wouldn't be surprising to see them draft one at some point, especially given the group's strength.

Hortiz's other position of strength is running back, where Penn State's Saquon Barkley leads the class. LSU's Derrius Guice is also seen by many analysts as a first-round pick.

"It's funny to see," Hortiz said. "The game has changed so much at all levels in terms of being much more passing and wide open and spread-type offenses, but if you think about the running backs that have come out the past couple years, it's amazing.

"As wide open as the game has become, I can't remember four consecutive top running backs that have been so impressive with [Todd] Gurley, then Zeke [Elliott], then Leonard [Fournette], now Barkley is everyone's consensus No. 1. That's a heck of a run. It's unbelievable."

Last year, Fournette, Carolina's Christian McCaffrey, Minnesota's Dalvin Cook (second round), New Orleans' Alvin Kamara (third round), and Kansas City's Kareem Hunt (third round) were all instant impact players for their teams. "It's great to see, as much as we've opened up the game at all levels, that we're still kicking out some good running backs," Hortiz said.

Hortiz's positions of relative weakness are safety and outside linebacker. In both cases, the Ravens are already wellstocked at the position.

"Safety is probably not as deep as it was last year, not by much, but not quite as deep. Now the top safeties are up there," Hortiz said.

Alabama's Minkah Fitzpatrick will be a top-10 pick and Florida State's Derwin James is also expected to be a midfirst-round pick. The Ravens grabbed Chuck Clark out of Virginia Tech in the sixth round last year and were quite happy with his rookie season.

"Outside linebacker is maybe a little thinner than years past, but not by much," Hortiz said. "That's a position that's always hard to fill up, tremendously."

Virginia Tech's Tremaine Edmunds and Boston College's Harold Landry may be the only first-round outside linebackers. The Ravens drafted Tyus Bowser in the second round and Tim Williams in the third last year, and have other young pass rushers in Matthew Judon and Za'Darius Smith.

Mel Kiper Explains Why He Projects Tackle Orlando Brown To The Ravens

Oklahoma's Orlando Brown, who shares the same name as his late father and former Raven, is a 'mauler' who could plug in at right tackle.

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Mel Kiper has made two mock draft projections for the Ravens. Both times it's been an offensive tackle in the first round.

In the ESPN draft expert's latest version, released Wednesday, he just switched the person from Pittsburgh's Brian O'Neill to Oklahoma's Orlando Brown.

"Brown is a pure mauler and plug-and-play guy over incumbent Austin Howard," Kiper wrote. "At 6-8, 345 [pounds], Brown will need to lose a little bit of weight, but he was stellar protecting Baker Mayfield's blind side at Oklahoma." Pundits feel this is a strong class of offensive tackles, but there's no consensus on how to rank them.

Kiper has UCLA's Kolton Miller as the first tackle off the board, followed by Brown and Louisville's Geon Christian in the first round. NFLDraftScout.com, however, has Miller as a projected fourth-round pick.

NFL Network's Mike Mayock's top three tackles, in order, are Notre Dame's Mike McGlinchey, Brown and Texas' Connor Williams. NFL Network's Daniel Jeremiah has Williams first (No. 17 overall on his big board), Brown second (No. 31 overall) and McGlinchey third (No. 35).

Next week's combine will likely help to shake out the group.

So why did Kiper pick Brown for Baltimore?

"I went with Brown because he's a right tackle, he's a mauler, he's a road grader," Kiper said. "He would be next to [Marshal] Yanda and do a great job.

"Williams is a left tackle/guard and McGlinchey is a right tackle from two years ago and a left tackle this year and he struggled. Quick edge guys gave him trouble. When you go back and look at all the tape, and I did that over the past three weeks, I thought Brown was a slightly better player."

Brown would also be a sentimental pick for the Ravens considering his father by the same name played in Baltimore for six seasons (1996-1998, 2003-2005).

Nicknamed "Zeus" because of his sheer size (6-foot-7, 360 pounds) and persona, he was an intimidator on the field and well-respected affable guy off it. He died way too early in 2011 from diabetic ketoacidosis, and now his son carries on his legacy.

"If I ended up going to Baltimore, that would be very special," Brown Jr. told *The Baltimore Sun*.

"My dad was a leader on that team, well-respected. I grew up with that franchise, hung around the original Ravens. It was a blessing to be around players like Ray Lewis, Ed Reed, Jamal Lewis, Jeff Blackshear and Wally Williams."

2018 Ravens Mock Draft Monitor 3.0

Draft analysts are locking into two positions for the Ravens: wide receiver and offensive tackle. See the latest projections for pick No. 16.

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With the exception of ESPN's Todd McShay, draft analysts envision the Ravens addressing one of two positions at pick No. 16.

It's either a wide receiver or offensive tackle. Three of each are currently projected to Baltimore.

About a week away from the start of the NFL Scouting Combine, here's the latest roundup of who the draftniks believe the Ravens will take.

These were all released within the last three weeks, since our latest version in Mock Draft Monitor 2.0.

Todd McShay, ESPN
DT Vita Vea, Washington
Junior; 6-foot-5, 340 pounds
2017: 43 tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss, 3.5 sacks
"The Ravens are in dire need of offensive playmakers, but there just isn't the value at this point in the draft. What direction will GM Ozzie Newsome go for his final NFL draft? He has usually gone best player available, and that's what I see Baltimore doing here. Vea is a versatile defensive lineman who has drawn comparisons to Haloti Ngata and should put up some big numbers at the combine."

Charles Davis, NFL.com
OT Orlando Brown, Oklahoma
Senior; 6-8, 345
"Yes, it would honor his father, the late former Raven Orlando 'Zeus' Brown, but more importantly, it helps the 2018 Ravens in a huge way, bookending LT Ronnie Stanley with this mountain of a prospect on the right side."

Charley Casserly, NFL.com
OT Mike McGlinchey, Notre Dame
Senior; 6-8, 315 pounds
"This gives the Ravens a bookend OT with Ronnie Stanley."

Chad Reuter, NFL.com
WR Courland Sutton, SMU
Senior; 6-4, 215
2017: 68 receptions, 1,085 yards, 12 touchdowns
"Flacco needs another downfield threat like Sutton to maximize his talent."

Dan Kadar, SB Nation
WR Calvin Ridley, Alabama
Junior; 6 -1, 190
2017: 63 receptions, 967 yards, 5 touchdowns
"This would be an easy choice for Baltimore to make if Ridley is available. In fact, you really have to wonder if the Ravens will try and move up to make sure they can get the draft's top wide receiver. In the past Baltimore hasn't been afraid to move up a spot or two to get the player it covets."

Will Brinson, CBS Sports
WR Courtland Sutton
"Another year, another wide receiver for the Ravens in the first round. Mike Wallace is a free agent and they have Jeremy Maclin, but they need an infusion of youth at the position if they want to help Joe Flacco."

Chris Trapasso, CBS Sports
OT Orlando Brown, Oklahoma
"The Ravens lost right tackle Ricky Wagner in free agency a year ago and need to fortify that side of their offensive line. Brown is a prime candidate to be a power-blocking right tackle in Baltimore."

NFL Network's Charles Davis Talks Receiver Options In 2018 NFL Draft

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With receivers Mike Wallace and Michael Campanaro possibly being lost to free agency and fellow wideout Jeremy Maclin a potential salary cap casualty, the Baltimore Ravens may soon be left with precious few internal options at the position.

Charles Davis of NFL Network joined Glenn Clark Radio Feb. 13 to discuss the options the Ravens will sift through ahead of the NFL Draft April 26-28. Davis' favorite receiver expected to go in rounds two or three is DJ Chark, who played 25 games for Louisiana State the past three years and participated in the Senior Bowl in Mobile, Ala., in late January.

Chark caught 40 passes for 874 yards and four touchdowns as a senior last fall, an average of 21.9 yards per catch. That was an improvement over his junior season, when caught 26 balls for 466 yards. Davis pointed to LSU's system -- which is traditionally run-heavy -- and the Tigers' inconsistent quarterback play as reasons why Chark's numbers may have been underwhelming. Davis said he saw Chark as "that long-limbed guy, real loose, real elusive" during Senior Bowl week, physical traits that may portend success in the pro game.

"I think if you went back and looked at [New York Giants receiver] Odell Beckham's numbers at LSU, you might be surprised and say, 'That's it?' because that's just not the nature of their offense," Davis said. "When you see Chark, I saw a guy who can run routes. I saw a guy who found a way to get himself uncovered downfield. I saw a guy who could take the top off of a defense. And I said it at the Senior Bowl during our broadcast, and I'm going to stand by it: I'm very convinced that his pro production is going to blow away his college production."

Another option outside of the first round may be Christian Kirk out of Texas A&M. Kirk was productive for all three of his years in College Station, Texas, catching 229 passes for 2,796 yards and 26 touchdowns throughout the course of his career. Though he caught the fewest passes (66) of his career last fall, the 2017 season also represented his highest yards-per-catch average (13).

Kirk saved his best game of 2017 for last, as he caught 13 balls for 189 yards and three touchdowns against Wake Forest in the Belk Bowl last December. Kirk was targeted all over the field by Texas A&M quarterback Nick Starkel. "The stopwatch, again, might push him up higher [than the second round], and like [Los Angeles Rams receiver Tavon Austin], what else does Kirk do? He returns kicks," Davis said. "So people might want to jump on him and say, 'I can work him in that way to get things started and go from there.' Sometimes, that overwhelming speed -- plus Kirk is used to playing outside, he's not necessarily simply a slot guy -- that helps him out a little bit."

If the Ravens consider taking a receiver during the first round, two players they'll likely look at are Calvin Ridley of Alabama and Courtland Sutton of Southern Methodist. Ridley was a consensus five-star recruit out of Florida before he burst onto the season as a freshman in 2015, catching 89 balls for 1,045 yards and seven scores. Ridley ended up catching 224 passes for 2,781 yards and 19 touchdowns while contributing to two national championship teams during his three years in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Sutton was recruited as a defensive back but transitioned to receiver full-time in 2015. Sutton caught 193 passes for 3,193 yards and 31 touchdowns from 2015-17. Sutton, a Texas native, is listed at 6-foot-4 and 215 pounds by SMU, prototypical size for a receiver lining up on the outside in the NFL.

"I would love to sit down with [a scout] and go over the Ridley vs. Sutton deal for this reason: I think Ridley ran a much better tree of routes in college," Davis said. "I realize he played on a team that had plenty of talent and sometimes that overwhelms other teams and makes you look better. I get that, so we have to be careful with that. But every time I popped on a tape of Sutton or turned on a game, I just counted to three and he caught another bubble screen. It is the nature of the offense, but does he translate into a guy who can run the rest of it? That's the question I would have."

Davis also discussed quarterbacks down the draft board, including Virginia's Kurt Benkert, who was born in Baltimore and played for Loyola Blakefield's junior varsity team before playing his varsity ball at Island Coast High School in Florida. Benkert began his college career at East Carolina but transferred to Virginia for his junior and senior seasons.

Benkert, listed at 6-foot-4 and 215 pounds, threw for 3,207 yards and 25 touchdowns on 58.5 percent passing and 6.3 yards per throw last fall. The games that stand out on tape from Benkert's senior season, according to Davis, were his performances against Connecticut (455 yards, three touchdowns) and Miami (384, four).

"Pop in other tapes and you'll see some of the deficiencies that are there, and when I say deficiencies, he is not overly sized," Davis said. "I think he's got a good enough arm. I'm not worried about that at all. Decision making at times, you might want to question some of it. But I will also go back and say, 'Make sure you look at time, clock, where they are on the scoreboard,' because I think he was a kid that competed so hard that he often made mistakes trying to bring his team back instead of making the right throw because they were down, so you'll see some of that.